

HOUSE BILL 759

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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation --

Introduced by **Delegates McIntosh, Rosenberg, and Campbell**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund;  
4 providing for the administration of the Fund; providing for distributions from  
5 the Fund to counties for senior citizens activities centers; defining certain terms;  
6 requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget of  
7 certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the Senior Citizens Activities  
8 Center Operating Fund.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 70B - Department of Aging  
11 Section 33 through 35, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Senior Citizens  
12 Activities Center Operating Fund"  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

4 SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND

5 33.

6 (A) IN THIS ~~ARTICLE~~ SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
7 MEANINGS INDICATED.

8 (B) "QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY ~~INCLUDING~~  
9 ~~BALTIMORE CITY~~ THAT HAS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF  
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A LOCAL  
11 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE  
12 SECRETARY AND:

13 (1) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST  
14 RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS GREATER THAN 150%  
15 OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT  
16 SAME PERIOD; OR

17 (2) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE  
18 MOST RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS EQUAL TO OR  
19 LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PERSONAL PER CAPITA INCOME FOR THE ENTIRE  
20 STATE DURING THAT SAME PERIOD.

21 (C) "SENIOR ~~CITIZEN~~ CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY  
22 OR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVISION OF A BROAD  
23 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, INCLUDING ~~SERVICES SUCH AS~~  
24 HEALTH, SOCIAL, NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL ~~PROGRAMS~~  
25 ~~FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS~~ SERVICES.

26 34.

27 (A) THERE IS A SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND.

28 (B) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT  
29 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

30 (C) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF APPROPRIATIONS ~~PROVIDED FOR IT~~ THAT  
31 ARE MADE TO THE FUND IN THE ~~ANNUAL~~ STATE BUDGET.

32 (D) (1) ~~THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR~~ FUND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT  
33 ANY EXISTING FUNDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN ~~THE FUND~~  
34 ~~SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY OTHER FUNDS~~  
35 ~~PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

1           (2)     THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT ANY EXISTING FUNDING  
2 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE BUDGET.

3     (E)     THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER  
4 AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

5 35.

6     (A)     THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

7     (B)     SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE FUND SHALL BE  
8 DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
9 ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED ON A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS ADMINISTERED BY  
10 THE DEPARTMENT.

11    ~~(B)~~    (C)     AT LEAST 50% OF THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO QUALIFIED  
12 DISTRESSED COUNTIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED UPON  
13 NEED. A COUNTY'S NEED SHALL BE , AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

14    ~~(C)~~    ~~ANY RESIDUAL FUNDS IN THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER~~  
15 ~~COUNTIES BASED ON CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

16    (D)     THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE  
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SUBTITLE.

18     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall  
19 include ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$500,000; in the State budget for the fiscal year 2002, and each  
20 fiscal year thereafter, for the Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund.

21     SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 2000.