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By: **Senator Hoffman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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; defining certain terms; requiring  
5 the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget of certain fiscal  
6 years; and generally relating to the Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating  
7 Fund.

8 BY adding to

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

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

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

17 SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND

18 33.

19 (A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
20 INDICATED.

21 (B) "QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY INCLUDING  
22 BALTIMORE CITY THAT HAS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF  
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A LOCAL  
24 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE  
25 SECRETARY AND:

26 (1) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST  
27 RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS GREATER THAN 150%

1 OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT  
2 SAME PERIOD; OR

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

7 (C) "SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY OR  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVISION OF A BROAD  
9 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH, SOCIAL,  
10 NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ELDERLY  
11 CITIZENS.

12 34.

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

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

16 (C) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF APPROPRIATIONS PROVIDED FOR IT IN THE  
17 ANNUAL BUDGET.

18 (D) THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN  
19 THE FUND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY OTHER  
20 FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE  
21 BUDGET.

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

24 35.

25 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

26 (B) THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES  
27 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED UPON NEED. A COUNTY'S NEED  
28 SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

31 (D) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE  
32 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall  
34 include \$1,000,000 in the State budget for the fiscal year 2002, and each year  
35 thereafter, for the Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund.

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