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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Welfare Innovation Act for the Year 2000**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to establish a
4 certain number of demonstration sites under the Family Investment Program;
5 requiring the Secretary to appoint a director of each demonstration site;
6 granting the Secretary certain authority in a demonstration site; requiring that
7 employees hired at a demonstration site be placed in the management service or
8 in special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; providing
9 for an exception to that placement for a limited period; requiring the Secretary
10 to establish a performance incentive program to pay employees in a
11 demonstration site; providing for certain statutory construction; altering the
12 model hiring agreement used by the Secretary under the Program to allow
13 priority hiring to positions that are not entry-level positions; requiring the
14 Secretary to work with local governments in developing a plan to work with
15 local governments in recruiting and hiring Program recipients into local
16 government positions; providing for the contents of the local plans; requiring the
17 Secretary to report on these efforts to certain committees of the General
18 Assembly annually; altering provisions of law relating to the screening of adult
19 or minor parent Program applicants or recipients for substance abuse, the
20 referral of those individuals for substance abuse treatment, and notice which
21 must be given relating to substance abuse and substance abuse treatment;
22 repealing certain provisions of law regarding the Program eligibility of certain
23 legal immigrants; altering certain provisions of law relating to the termination
24 of temporary cash assistance benefits for an applicant or recipient who fails to
25 comply with an initial screening; altering certain provisions of law relating to
26 substance abuse identification forms and treatment forms used under the
27 Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to improving the level
28 of jobs and access to those jobs for Family Investment Program recipients
29 through demonstration programs, limitations on cash assistance payments, and
30 substance abuse screening and treatment under the Family Investment
31 Program.

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
33 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
34 Section 46, 48(b) through (e), and 50A

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

3 BY adding to
4 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
5 Section 55
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 13-224
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 593 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997
15 Section 14

16 BY repealing
17 Chapter 593 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997
18 Section 15

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

21 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

22 46.

23 (A) The Secretary shall:

24 (1) Establish and implement a FIP that meets the requirements of this
25 subtitle and of federal law;

26 (2) Supervise the administration of the FIP under this subtitle by local
27 departments;

28 (3) Cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern
29 pertaining to federal funding for the FIP; and

30 (4) Adopt regulations necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions
31 of this subtitle.

32 (B) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL DEVELOP AND
33 IMPLEMENT A PLAN, WORKING WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 OFFICIALS, UNDER WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY HIRE FIP RECIPIENTS TO
2 WORK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4 HIRING PLAN DEVELOPED FOR A JURISDICTION:

5 (I) AN INDICATION OF THE UNITS THAT COULD MOST EASILY HIRE
6 FIP RECIPIENTS;

7 (II) THE EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS MOST SUITABLE FOR FIP
8 RECIPIENTS;

9 (III) PROPOSALS FOR RECRUITING FIP RECIPIENTS;

10 (IV) EMPLOYMENT RETENTION STRATEGIES; AND

11 (V) A TARGET NUMBER OF FIP RECIPIENTS TO BE RECRUITED
12 UNDER THE PLAN.

13 (3) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY OF
14 HUMAN RESOURCES, THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, AND THE
15 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SHALL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
16 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
17 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON:

18 (I) THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN ENCOURAGED UNDER THIS
19 SUBSECTION; AND

20 (II) THE NUMBER OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS HIRED AND RETAINED
21 BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

22 48.

23 (b) Assistance shall be provided under this subtitle only if the applicant for or
24 recipient of assistance:

25 (1) Resides in this State at the time of application for the assistance;

26 [(2) At the time of application for assistance, signs a medical release that,
27 for any applicant determined eligible to be a recipient of continuing temporary cash
28 assistance, would allow the Department or its designee to receive from the managed
29 care organization in which the recipient is enrolled in accordance with the managed
30 care program established under Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the Health - General Article or
31 from a substance abuse provider under § 50A(b)(2) of this subtitle:

32 (i) Notification that a recipient has not completed the initial health
33 screen required by the recipient's managed care organization;

34 (ii) The results of any substance abuse screening assessment or
35 other test performed on the recipient by the managed care organization for the
36 purpose of determining the recipient's need for substance abuse treatment; and

1 (iii) The results of any recipient's referral to substance abuse
2 treatment or change in treatment status as required by § 50A(b)(2) of this subtitle;

3 (3) (2) (i) Has applied for child support services with the
4 appropriate local child support enforcement office at the time of application for the
5 assistance; and

6 (ii) Complies with the requirements of the local child support
7 enforcement office;

8 [(4)] (3) Has engaged in job search activities as requested by the
9 Department;

10 [(5)] (4) Participates in work activity under this subtitle, unless exempt
11 under criteria established by the Secretary which shall include the following groups of
12 individuals:

13 (i) Adults who are required to care for a child who is a recipient
14 under age 1;

15 (ii) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, adults and children who
16 are recipients and who are severely disabled; and

17 (iii) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, children 16 years of age
18 and older who are not in school and who are severely disabled; and

19 [(6)] (5) Meets all other FIP requirements that the Secretary establishes
20 by regulation.

21 (c) An individual may not be exempt as severely disabled under subsection
22 [(b)(5)] (B)(4) of this section for more than 12 months unless:

23 (1) That individual applies for Supplemental Security Income; and

24 (2) The application is approved, pending, or in the appeal stage.

25 (d) In addition to the provisions of this section, subject to the limitations of the
26 State budget, assistance shall be provided under this subtitle to legal immigrants:

27 (1) Who arrived in the United States before August 22, 1996; AND

28 (2) Who meet FIP eligibility requirements under this subtitle and any
29 other requirements imposed by the State[; and

30 (3) Who:

31 (i) Have lived in this State for at least 12 months; or

32 (ii) Previously lived in a state that provided federally or
33 nonfederally funded cash assistance to such legal immigrants].

1 (e) In addition to the provisions of this section, subject to the limitations of the
2 State budget, assistance shall be provided under this subtitle to legal immigrants:

3 (1) Who arrive in the United States on or after August 22, 1996 and are
4 not eligible for federally funded cash assistance;

5 (2) Who meet FIP eligibility requirements under this subtitle and any
6 other requirements imposed by the State[; and

7 (3) Who:

8 (i) Have lived in this State for at least 12 months; or

9 (ii) Previously lived in a state that provided nonfederally funded
10 cash assistance to such legal immigrants].

11 50A.

12 (a) (1) At initial application, or first redetermination after July 1, 1997, for
13 temporary cash assistance, or when considered appropriate by the FIP staff of the
14 local department, [a] AN ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST ON-SITE IN THE local department
15 shall assess the need of any adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient for
16 substance abuse treatment.

17 (2) To assist in determining whether an adult or minor parent
18 APPLICANT OR recipient has a need for substance abuse treatment, the ADDICTIONS
19 SPECIALIST ON-SITE IN THE local department shall [use an enhanced assessment of]
20 SCREEN the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient [that would] TO expose
21 any potential barriers that the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient may
22 have in obtaining employment such as having a substance abuse problem.

23 (3) The ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST ON-SITE IN THE local department shall
24 inform each adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient of the requirements of FIP
25 regarding substance abuse treatment[, including an adult or minor parent recipient's
26 obligation to participate in an initial health screen with the adult or minor parent
27 recipient's managed care organization within the time specified by regulation
28 following the adult or minor parent recipient's enrollment in the managed care
29 organization or lose FIP benefits].

30 (4) [After the adult or minor parent recipient is certified eligible for
31 temporary cash assistance under this subtitle and for medical assistance under Title
32 15, Subtitle 1 of the Health - General Article, the adult or minor parent recipient
33 shall be screened for substance abuse as part of the initial health screen required to
34 be performed by a managed care organization in accordance with regulations adopted
35 by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the
36 Health - General Article.] IF THE ADULT OR MINOR PARENT APPLICANT OR
37 RECIPIENT DOES NOT COMPLETE THE SCREENING REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)
38 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADDICTION SPECIALIST SHALL NOTIFY THE FIP CASE
39 MANAGER.

1 [(5) The managed care organization shall notify the local department if
2 the adult or minor parent recipient has not completed the initial health screen
3 required by the adult or minor parent recipient's managed care organization.]

4 (b) (1) If the [initial health screen or any follow-up diagnostic testing or
5 treatment performed by a managed care organization or direct provider of services]
6 SCREEN PERFORMED BY THE ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST reveals that an adult or minor
7 parent APPLICANT OR recipient has a substance abuse problem, the [managed care
8 organization or direct provider of services] ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST shall:

9 (i) [Refer] CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY
10 AN ADULT OR MINOR PARENT APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT AND, IF APPROPRIATE,
11 DETERMINE PLACEMENT FOR TREATMENT AND RELATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES;

12 (II) REFER the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient for
13 appropriate substance abuse treatment AND RELATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; [and

14 (ii) Complete and submit to the local department the substance
15 abuse identification form required by regulations developed by the Secretary]

16 (III) OBTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF THE ADULT OR MINOR PARENT
17 APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT ON A FORM CONSENTING TO THE RELEASE OF
18 CONFIDENTIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT INFORMATION; AND

19 (IV) FORWARD THE CONSENT FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE
20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROVIDER.

21 (2) (i) The substance abuse TREATMENT provider shall notify the
22 ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST IN THE local department OF THE ONGOING TREATMENT
23 STATUS OF THE ADULT OR MINOR PARENT APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT.

24 (II) THE ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST SHALL NOTIFY THE FIP CASE
25 MANAGER:

26 1. [that] THAT an adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR
27 recipient has been referred for appropriate substance abuse treatment; AND

28 2. REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ONGOING TREATMENT
29 OF THE ADULT OR MINOR PARENT APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT.

30 [(ii)] (III) [As part of its] TO PROVIDE THE notification REQUIRED
31 under subparagraph [(i)] (II) of this paragraph, the [substance abuse provider]
32 ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST shall FORWARD CONSENT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE
33 INFORMATION TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROVIDER, OBTAIN THE
34 NECESSARY TREATMENT INFORMATION FROM THE TREATMENT PROVIDER, AND
35 notify the local department if the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient:

36 1. [Is not actively enrolled in a substance abuse treatment
37 program as defined by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration] FAILS TO

1 [(e) After receiving the notice under subsection (d)(1) of this section, the local
2 department shall send a notice to the adult or minor parent recipient informing the
3 adult or minor parent recipient that:

4 (1) The adult or minor parent recipient is not in compliance with FIP
5 requirements, including the specific reason why the adult or minor parent recipient is
6 considered not in compliance with FIP requirements; and

7 (2) 30 days after the date of the notice, the adult or minor parent
8 recipient's temporary cash assistance benefits will be reduced by that increment in
9 cash benefits that included the adult or minor parent recipient.]

10 (E) AFTER RECEIVING A NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION,
11 THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL:

12 (1) SEND A DENIAL NOTICE TO THE ADULT OR MINOR PARENT
13 APPLICANT INFORMING THE APPLICANT THAT:

14 (I) THE APPLICANT HAS NOT MET PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS,
15 INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC REASON THE APPLICANT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FIP; AND

16 (II) IF THE APPLICANT FAILS TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS ON
17 OR BEFORE THE 30TH WORK DAY AFTER THE APPLICATION WAS FILED, THE
18 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE IS DENIED; AND

19 (2) SEPARATELY DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
20 AND FOOD STAMPS.

21 [(f) (1) The local department shall reduce an adult or minor parent
22 recipient's temporary cash assistance benefits as described in subsection (e) of this
23 section, if the adult or minor parent recipient has not completed the initial health
24 screen required by the adult or minor parent recipient's managed care organization.

25 (2) The local department shall continue to make these reduced payments
26 to the adult or minor parent recipient until the local department receives notice from
27 the managed care organization that the adult or minor parent recipient has
28 completed the initial health screen required by the adult or minor parent recipient's
29 managed care organization.]

30 [(g) (F) After receiving [the] A notice under subsection [(d)(2)] (D) of this
31 section, the local department shall send a notice to the adult or minor parent
32 APPLICANT OR recipient informing the adult or minor parent recipient that:

33 (1) The adult or minor parent recipient is not in compliance with FIP
34 requirements, including the specific reasons why the adult or minor parent recipient
35 is considered not in compliance with FIP requirements; and

36 (2) 30 days after the date of the notice:

1 (i) The adult or minor parent recipient's temporary cash assistance
2 benefits will be reduced by that increment in cash benefits that included the adult
3 recipient; and

4 (ii) The remainder of the cash benefits for the child or children in
5 the FIP case will be paid to a third party payee.

6 [(h)] (G) (1) The local department shall reduce an adult or minor parent
7 recipient's temporary cash assistance benefits and pay the remainder of the cash
8 benefits to a third party payee as described in subsection [(g)] (F) of this section, if
9 the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient:

10 (i) FAILS TO COMPLETE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING OR
11 ASSESSMENT BY AN ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST, AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS
12 (A)(2) AND (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION; OR

13 (II) 1. Receives the [initial health screen] REQUIRED
14 SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT, and the [initial health screen] REQUIRED
15 SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT or the results of any follow-up diagnostic testing or
16 treatment reveal that the adult or minor parent recipient is a substance abuser; and

17 [(ii)] 2. Refuses to [participate] ENROLL OR MAINTAIN
18 ENROLLMENT in available and appropriate substance abuse treatment.

19 (2) The local department shall continue to make payments to a third
20 party payee until the [local department] FIP CASE MANAGER receives notice from the
21 [managed care organization] ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST that the adult or minor
22 parent APPLICANT OR recipient is actively enrolled, as defined by the Alcohol and
23 Drug Abuse Administration, in the appropriate substance abuse treatment indicated
24 by the [managed care organization] ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST.

25 [(i)] (H) The local department may not DENY AN ADULT OR MINOR
26 APPLICANT'S TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT OR reduce an adult or minor
27 parent recipient's temporary cash ASSISTANCE benefit as described under
28 [subsection (g)] SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) of this section, if the adult or minor parent
29 APPLICANT OR recipient:

30 (1) Receives the [initial health screen] REQUIRED SCREENING AND
31 ASSESSMENT, and the [initial health screen] REQUIRED SCREENING AND
32 ASSESSMENT or the results of any follow-up diagnostic testing or treatment reveal
33 that the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient is a substance abuser; and

34 (2) Agrees to participate in appropriate substance abuse treatment, as
35 determined by the [managed care organization] ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST, but the
36 appropriate substance abuse treatment indicated is not available.

37 [(j)] (I) If temporary cash assistance is reduced under this section, the adult
38 or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient shall retain eligibility for medical assistance
39 and food stamps, as long as the adult or minor parent APPLICANT OR recipient meets
40 the medical assistance and food stamp program requirements.

1 55.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "DEMONSTRATION SITE" MEANS A SITE SELECTED BY
3 THE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL UNIT OF
4 THE JURISDICTION.

5 (B) THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH A FIP DEMONSTRATION SITE IN AT
6 LEAST ONE JURISDICTION, BUT NOT EXCEEDING SIX JURISDICTIONS.

7 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY
8 SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE DEMONSTRATION SITE WHO SHALL REPORT
9 DIRECTLY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY INVESTMENT
10 ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

11 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY
12 SHALL HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY OVER FIP FUNCTIONS IN A DEMONSTRATION SITE,
13 INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO:

14 (1) ASSIST FAMILIES ON WELFARE THAT HAVE AN EMPLOYABLE
15 PARENT TOWARD A LASTING TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE TEMPORARY
16 CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

17 (2) ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RECEIVE APPROPRIATE
18 BENEFITS;

19 (3) REDUCE ERRORS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIP;

20 (4) PLACE TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IN EMPLOYMENT
21 IN WHICH THEIR EARNINGS WILL LIKELY INCREASE; AND

22 (5) IMPROVE THE TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT OF EXISTING AND FORMER
23 WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND THE EMPLOYMENT RETENTION RATES OF THOSE
24 RECIPIENTS.

25 (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND
26 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES HIRED IN A
27 DEMONSTRATION SITE AFTER ITS DESIGNATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SITE SHALL
28 BE PLACED IN THE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR IN SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS IN THE
29 STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

30 (2) (I) IF A POSITION IN A DEMONSTRATION SITE IS HELD BY A
31 SKILLED SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYEE PRIOR TO THE
32 DESIGNATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION SITE, THE POSITION SHALL REMAIN A
33 SKILLED SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE POSITION OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN THE
34 STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UNTIL THE POSITION BECOMES VACANT.

35 (II) AFTER A SKILLED SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
36 POSITION IN A DEMONSTRATION SITE BECOMES VACANT, THE POSITION SHALL
37 BECOME A MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS POSITION.

1 (F) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE
2 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PAY INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYEES IN A DEMONSTRATION
3 SITE.

4 (G) THE SECRETARY'S POWERS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE GIVEN A
5 LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

6 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

7 13-224.

8 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (2) "Department" means the Department of Human Resources.

10 (3) "Eligible contract" means a procurement contract designated by the
11 Board as appropriate for the execution of a hiring agreement.

12 (4) "FIP" means the Family Investment Program established under
13 Article 88A of the Code.

14 (5) "Hiring agreement" means an agreement entered into by the
15 Department or a local department and an entity doing business with the State under
16 which the Department or the local department and the entity agree to work
17 cooperatively in endeavoring to identify and hire FIP recipients to fill [entry-level]
18 job openings of the entity.

19 (6) "Local department" means a local department of social services in a
20 county or in Baltimore City created or continued under the provisions of Article 88A,
21 § 13 of the Code.

22 (b) On or before October 1, 1998, the Board, in consultation with the
23 Department, shall designate the types of procurement contracts that are eligible
24 contracts.

25 (c) (1) On or before December 1, 1998, the Department shall develop a
26 model hiring agreement form that shall be completed by the Department or a local
27 department and an entity in conjunction with the award of an eligible contract.

28 (2) The model hiring agreement form shall include the following
29 provisions:

30 (i) the entity will:

31 1. inform the Department or the local department, as
32 appropriate, of all of the entity's [entry-level] job openings;

33 2. declare the Department or the local department, as
34 appropriate, its "first source" in identifying and hiring candidates to fill those
35 [entry-level] job openings;

1 (2) the number of FIP recipients hired by an entity with which a hiring
2 agreement was executed; and

3 (3) the effectiveness of each hiring agreement in obtaining employment
4 for FIP recipients.

5

Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1997

6 SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
7 Human Resources, [in consultation with participating providers, including managed
8 care organizations] shall develop for use by ADDICTIONS SPECIALISTS AND
9 appropriate providers a standard substance abuse identification form and a
10 substance abuse treatment form for the reporting of [provider] ADDICTION
11 SPECIALISTS' identification and PROVIDERS' treatment of substance abuse by adult
12 and minor parent APPLICANTS AND recipients to the appropriate local department of
13 social services.

14 [SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a participating
15 managed care organization shall provide a copy of the substance abuse identification
16 form and substance abuse treatment form to a participating provider at the outset of
17 the participating provider agreement.]

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Human
19 Resources shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
20 Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the General
21 Assembly on or before November 1, 2000, on the Secretary's efforts, under Article 88A,
22 § 46(b)(1) of the Code as enacted by this Act, to develop a plan for recruiting and
23 hiring welfare recipients into local government jobs. The Secretary's report shall be
24 made with the cooperation and input of the Maryland Association of Counties and the
25 Maryland Municipal League.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2000.