
By: **Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Request - Departmental - Aging)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Older Americans Act Funds - Intrastate Funding Formula**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an intrastate funding formula to allocate and
4 distribute certain federal funds received by the State to local area agencies on
5 aging; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the allocation and
6 distribution of certain federal funds received by the State.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 70B - Department of Aging
9 Section 6 to be under the new subtitle "Older Americans Act Funding Formula"
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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

15 **OLDER AMERICANS ACT FUNDING FORMULA**

16 6.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) "DISABLED POPULATION" MEANS THE POPULATION CLASSIFIED BY
20 THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AS DISABLED.

21 (3) "GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED" MEANS LIVING IN AN AREA THAT THE
22 UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU HAS NOT CLASSIFIED AS AN URBAN AREA.

23 (4) "LOW INCOME" MEANS AN INCOME AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LINE
24 AS DETERMINED UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2).

1 (5) "LOW INCOME MINORITY POPULATION" MEANS THE LOW INCOME
2 POPULATION LESS NONHISPANIC WHITES AS REPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES
3 CENSUS BUREAU.

4 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER
5 TITLE III, PARTS B, C, AND E OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TO AREA AGENCIES ON
6 AGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FORMULA THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
7 OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (C) THE FORMULA THAT THE DEPARTMENT USES TO ALLOCATE TITLE III,
9 PARTS B, C, AND E OF THE OLDER AMERICAN ACT FUNDS SHALL:

10 (1) ENSURE THAT EACH COUNTY IS ALLOCATED AT LEAST \$145,000; AND

11 (2) APPORTION THE FUNDS ACROSS ALL THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE
12 BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING FIVE MATHEMATICALLY-WEIGHTED
13 FACTORS:

14 (I) A COUNTY'S PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S POPULATION AGED
15 60 OR OLDER, WEIGHTED 25 PERCENT;

16 (II) A COUNTY'S PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S LOW INCOME
17 POPULATION AGED 60 OR OLDER, WEIGHTED 45 PERCENT;

18 (III) A COUNTY'S PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S LOW INCOME
19 MINORITY POPULATION AGED 60 OR OLDER, WEIGHTED 10 PERCENT;

20 (IV) A COUNTY'S PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S GEOGRAPHICALLY
21 ISOLATED POPULATION AGED 60 OR OLDER, WEIGHTED 5 PERCENT; AND

22 (V) A COUNTY'S PROPORTION OF THE STATE'S DISABLED
23 POPULATION AGED 65 OR OLDER, WEIGHTED 15 PERCENT.

24 (D) IF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR THE PLANNING AND SERVICE AREA
25 OF WHICH A COUNTY IS A PART IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT
26 AND OTHER APPLICABLE STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES, THE FUNDS
27 ALLOCATED FOR EACH COUNTY SHALL BE AWARDED TO THAT AREA AGENCY ON
28 AGING.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
30 effect October 1, 2005.