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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~State Public Assistance Programs~~ **Family Investment Program - Work**
 3 ~~Vouchers for Transit Service and Education-Related Transportation~~
 4 Assistance

5 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the definition of "assistance" under the State public~~
 6 ~~assistance programs to include vouchers for transit service for certain program~~
 7 ~~participants to pay work related commuting expenses incurred for the use of~~
 8 ~~certain transit facilities; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to~~
 9 ~~vouchers for transit expenses for individuals to get to and from or seek work~~
 10 ~~under the State public assistance programs requiring the Secretary of Human~~
 11 ~~Resources and the local departments of social services to develop and implement~~
 12 ~~a plan to provide Family Investment Program recipients assistance with~~
 13 ~~transportation for employment, job search, or education-related activities; and~~
 14 ~~generally relating to transportation assistance and the Family Investment~~
 15 ~~Program.~~

16 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
 17 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
 18 Section ~~64~~ 44A(a), (d), (g), (j), and (k) and 45
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
 20 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

21 BY ~~repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~ adding to
 22 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
 23 Section ~~65~~ 49(i)
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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

5 ~~64.~~

6 (A) ~~As used in this subtitle, "State Department" means the State Department~~
7 ~~of Social Services created under this article.~~

8 (B) ~~"Local units" means the local departments of social services in the counties~~
9 ~~and in Baltimore City created or continued under the provisions of § 13 of this article,~~
10 ~~and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.~~

11 (C) ~~"County" shall be construed to include the City of Baltimore, unless~~
12 ~~otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.~~

13 (D) ~~"Applicant" means a person who has applied for assistance under this~~
14 ~~subtitle.~~

15 (E) ~~"Recipient" means a person who is receiving, or who at any time has~~
16 ~~received, assistance under the terms of this subtitle.~~

17 (F) ~~"Assistance" means money payments to needy individuals under the~~
18 ~~general public assistance or public assistance to adults programs and payments~~
19 ~~necessary for services for these individuals, INCLUDING VOUCHERS TO PAY FOR~~
20 ~~TRANSIT SERVICE, TO OR FROM WORK OR TO OR FROM A LOCATION TO SEEK WORK,~~
21 ~~ON A TRANSIT FACILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY OR FOR:~~

22 (1) ~~THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION; OR~~

23 (2) ~~A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.~~

24 (G) ~~"Supplementary services" means services other than money payments to~~
25 ~~needy individuals, including payments toward funeral expenses of such individuals as~~
26 ~~provided in this article, and in the case of a recipient without a legal guardian or~~
27 ~~person legally responsible for his support means the placement of such recipient in a~~
28 ~~suitable home or institution with the recipient's consent.~~

29 ~~65.~~

30 (a) ~~The Social Services Administration shall establish, implement and modify~~
31 ~~as necessary a program of State funded assistance payments to residents of the State~~
32 ~~of Maryland whose income and benefits are not sufficient to maintain a reasonable~~
33 ~~subsistence compatible with decency and health, and who (1) are eligible for or receive~~
34 ~~cash benefits under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, or (2) are aged, blind,~~
35 ~~or disabled as required under Title XVI of the Social Security Act and, but for income,~~

1 would receive cash benefits under that title; such program to be known as public
2 assistance to adults.

3 (b) ~~The program established in paragraph (a) shall be in effect in all political~~
4 ~~subdivisions of this State and shall be administered by the local units in conformity~~
5 ~~with rules and regulations of the Social Services Administration.~~

6 (c) ~~Eligibility and all other requirements not set forth in this subtitle shall be~~
7 ~~established by rules and regulations of the Social Services Administration.~~

8 (d) ~~Support from children shall be regarded as a potential resource and~~
9 ~~evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the~~
10 ~~State Administration.~~

11 (e) ~~An applicant may not make an assignment or transfer of property for the~~
12 ~~purpose of rendering himself eligible for assistance under this section at any time~~
13 ~~within 3 years immediately prior to the filing of application for assistance or the~~
14 ~~receipt of assistance pursuant to the provisions of this article.~~

15 44A.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

17 (d) "FIP" means Family Investment Program.

18 (g) "Local department" means a local department of social services in a county
19 or in Baltimore City created or continued under the provisions of § 13 of this article.

20 (j) "Recipient" means all individuals in a FIP case.

21 (k) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Resources.

22 45.

23 The primary purpose of this subtitle is to support family efforts to achieve and
24 maintain self-sufficiency through services and financial aid geared to individual
25 family needs.

26 49.

27 (I) THE SECRETARY AND THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP AND
28 IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO PROVIDE RECIPIENTS ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORTATION
29 FOR EMPLOYMENT, JOB SEARCH, OR EDUCATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
30 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

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

