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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Economic and Community Development - Community Technology Centers

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community Technology Center Program in the 4 Department of Business and Economic Development to provide grants to certain 5 nonprofit organizations for the development of information technology training 6 and support in certain communities; establishing eligibility criteria for grant 7 recipients; establishing a limit on the grant amount; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to carry out the Program; requiring the Department to 8 9 submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before a certain date; establishing the 10 intent of the General Assembly regarding funding for the Program; defining a 11 certain term; and generally relating to the Community Technology Center 12 13 Program.
- 14 BY adding to
- 15 Article 83A Department of Business and Economic Development
- Section 6–1001 through 6–1005 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10.
- 17 Community Technology Center Program"
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
2	SUBTITLE 10. COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROGRAM.
3	6–1001.
4	IN THIS SUBTITLE, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY
5	CENTER PROGRAM.
6	6–1002.
7 8	(A) THERE IS A COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.
9	(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
10	QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
11	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND SUPPORT IN NEIGHBORING
12	LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.
13	6–1003.
14	A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE A CENTER:
15	(1) THAT IS OPERATED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH
16	PRIOR EXPERIENCE OPERATING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND
17	SUPPORT CENTER IN A LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY;
18	(2) THAT PERFORMS AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF ITS SERVICES ON
19	A PRO BONO BASIS;
20	(3) THAT IS LOCATED IN:
21	(I) BALTIMORE CITY;
22	(II) DORCHESTER COUNTY;
23	(III) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;
24	(IV) SOMERSET COUNTY; OR

1	(V) ST. MARY'S COUNTY; AND
2	(4) THAT EMPLOYS ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES:
3 4	(I) FROM THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CENTER IS LOCATEDS
5 6	(II) IF THE CENTER IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY, FROM BALTIMORE CITY.
7	6–1004.
8	A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED \$50,000.
9	6–1005.
10 11	THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.
12 13 14 15 16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2008, funding for the Community Technology Center Program shall be as provided in the State budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in fiscal year 2009, at least \$250,000 shall be included annually in the State budget for the Community Technology Center Program.
17 18 19 20 21	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Business and Economic Development shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article on the progress made in the issuance of grants on or before October 1, 2010.
22 23	SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.