

SENATE BILL 664

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By: **Senators McFadden and Gladden**
Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007
Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **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
8 to adopt regulations to carry out the Program; requiring the Department to
9 submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House
10 Economic Matters Committee on or before a certain date; establishing the
11 intent of the General Assembly regarding funding for the Program; defining a
12 certain term; and generally relating to the Community Technology Center
13 Program.

14 BY adding to
15 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development
16 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:

22 **Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) THAT EMPLOYS ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES:**

2 **(I) FROM THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CENTER IS LOCATED;**

3 **OR**

4 **(II) IF THE CENTER IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY, FROM**
5 **BALTIMORE CITY.**

6 **6-1004.**

7 **A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED \$50,000.**

8 **6-1005.**

9 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
10 **SUBTITLE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2008,
12 funding for the Community Technology Center Program shall be as provided in the
13 State budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in fiscal year
14 2009, at least \$250,000 shall be included annually in the State budget for the
15 Community Technology Center Program.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
17 Business and Economic Development shall report to the Senate Finance Committee
18 and the House Economic Matters Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
19 Government Article on the progress made in the issuance of grants on or before
20 October 1, 2010.

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2007.