

HOUSE BILL 184

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By: **Delegates Aumann, DeBoy, McDonough, and Stocksdale**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Housing Code**
3 **Enforcement - Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Housing and Community
5 Development to provide matching grants and technical assistance to political
6 subdivisions to enforce certain local housing laws under certain circumstances;
7 authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to
8 develop and use a certain formula to determine whether a political subdivision
9 is affected by the student population of a public senior higher education
10 institution; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community
11 Development to waive the requirement of a match if local money is not
12 available; defining certain terms; and generally relating to certain funds to
13 enforce certain housing laws.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Public Safety
16 Section 12-205
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Public Safety**

22 **12-205.**

23 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
24 MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND**
2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

3 **(3) “PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION” HAS THE**
4 **MEANING STATED IN § 10–101(J) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

5 **(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS AND**
6 **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ENFORCE LOCAL**
7 **LAWS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY LIVE IN A HOUSING**
8 **UNIT.**

9 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT ONLY MAY PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS**
10 **AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION TO POLITICAL**
11 **SUBDIVISIONS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES ARE AFFECTED BY THE**
12 **STUDENT POPULATION OF A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.**

13 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A FORMULA THAT TAKES**
14 **INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT AND HISTORIC DEMOGRAPHICS, LOCAL HOUSING**
15 **ISSUES, ECONOMIC FACTORS, AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS TO:**

16 **(I) DETERMINE WHICH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ARE**
17 **AFFECTED BY THE STUDENT POPULATION OF A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER**
18 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION; AND**

19 **(II) ALLOCATE THE MATCHING GRANTS AND TECHNICAL**
20 **ASSISTANCE AMONG ELIGIBLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

21 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A**
22 **MATCH IF ADEQUATE LOCAL MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2008.