

HOUSE BILL 1583

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By: **Delegate Ross**

Introduced and read first time: February 29, 2008

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Substance Abuse Fund – Oxford House World Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to
4 appropriate a certain amount of money to the Maryland Substance Abuse Fund;
5 requiring the Maryland Substance Abuse Fund to provide a certain annual
6 grant to the Board of Directors of Oxford House, Inc., for alcohol and drug
7 addiction services; and generally relating to the Maryland Substance Abuse
8 Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 8–6A–01
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 8–6A–01.

18 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Substance Abuse Fund.

19 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Substance Abuse Fund.

20 (2) The Fund is a special nonlapsing fund that is not subject to
21 § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

22 (3) The Fund consists of the fee required under § 6–229 of the
23 Criminal Procedure Article, moneys appropriated in the State budget to the Fund, all

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 earnings from investment of moneys in the Fund, and other moneys accepted for the
2 benefit of the Fund from a governmental or private source.

3 (4) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately.

4 (5) The State Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

5 (6) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as
6 other State funds.

7 (7) The Comptroller shall pay out money from the Fund as directed by
8 the Administration or as approved in the State budget.

9 (8) The Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits
10 under § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.

11 (9) No part of the Fund may revert or be credited to:

12 (i) The General Fund of the State; or

13 (ii) Any other special fund of the State.

14 (c) The Fund shall be used by the Administration for the following purposes
15 in order of priority:

16 (1) Planning expenses and related costs incurred by local drug and
17 alcohol councils established under Subtitle 10 of this title;

18 (2) Planning expenses and related costs incurred by any State unit
19 designated to coordinate planning by local drug and alcohol councils and review grant
20 requests from local governments; and

21 (3) Substance abuse evaluation and treatment services, including
22 services provided through a drug treatment court.

23 (d) (1) Administrative expenditures under this section may be made only
24 in accordance with the State budget.

25 (2) The Administration shall administer the Fund in accordance with
26 this section and all other applicable law.

27 (3) Disbursements from the Fund shall supplement and may not
28 substitute for any other funds appropriated in the State budget for substance abuse
29 evaluation and treatment services.

1 **(E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS**
2 **SECTION, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2010, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
3 **APPROPRIATE \$250,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND.**

4 **(2) THE FUND SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL GRANT IN THE**
5 **AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OXFORD HOUSE, INC.,**
6 **LOCATED IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION**
7 **TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2008.