

# HOUSE BILL 1238

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund – Net Interest Earnings**

3 FOR the purpose of including the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund in the  
4 list of funds whose net interest earnings do not accrue to the General Fund of  
5 the State; specifying that certain charges may not be made against the Fund  
6 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to net interest earnings of  
7 the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Human Services  
10 Section 11–402  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2007 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
15 Section 6–226  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Human Services**

21 11–402.

22 (a) There is a Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

23 (b) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall administer the Fund.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (d) The Fund consists of:

4 (1) money deposited to the Fund from the surcharge assessed in civil  
5 cases under §§ 7–202 and 7–301 of the Courts Article;

6 (2) money appropriated to the Fund under § 11–401 of this subtitle;

7 (3) interest on attorney trust accounts paid to the Fund under §  
8 10–303 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; and

9 (4) investment earnings of the Fund.

10 (e) The Corporation shall use the Fund to provide funding for civil legal  
11 services to indigents under this title.

12 (f) The Treasurer shall:

13 (1) invest and reinvest the Fund in the same manner as other State  
14 funds, **EXCEPT THAT NO INTEREST CHARGE SHALL BE MADE AGAINST THE FUND**  
15 **IF THE AVERAGE DAILY NET CASH BALANCE FOR THE MONTH IS LESS THAN**  
16 **ZERO**; and

17 (2) credit any investment earnings to the Fund.

18 (g) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made in accordance with an  
19 appropriation requested by the Judicial Branch of the State government under §  
20 7–108 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and approved by the General  
21 Assembly in the State budget or by the budget amendment procedure under § 7–208.1  
22 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

## 23 Article – State Finance and Procurement

24 6–226.

25 (a) (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law or by regulation of  
26 the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall credit to the General Fund any interest on or other  
27 income from State money that the Treasurer invests.

28 (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless  
29 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with  
30 the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated  
31 by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise  
32 entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue  
33 to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

1. Maryland Housing Loan Funds of 1976, 1978, 1979, and 1984;
2. Microsoft Cost Share Fund;
3. Subsequent Injury Fund;
4. Uninsured Employers' Fund;
5. State Agency Loan Program Fund;
6. Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program;
7. Energy Overcharge Restitution Fund;
8. PEPCO/Connectiv Settlement Fund;
9. Baseball Capital Improvements Fund;
10. State Victims of Crime Fund;
11. Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund;
12. Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund;
13. Unclaimed Restitution – Victims of Crime;
14. Justice Assistance Grant;
15. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant;
16. Maryland Election Modernization Fund;
17. Scriven Estate Fund;
18. Volunteer Company Assistance Fund;
19. Radoff Memorial Fund;
20. Archives Endowment Account within the Archives Fund;
21. Ellefson Endowment Fund;

- 1 22. Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund;
- 2 23. Rate Stabilization Fund;
- 3 24. Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund;
- 4 25. Fair Campaign Financing Fund;
- 5 26. State Employees and Retirees Health and Welfare
- 6 Benefits Fund;
- 7 27. Major Information Technology Development Project
- 8 Fund;
- 9 28. State Retirement Agency Funds;
- 10 29. Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund;
- 11 30. Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations
- 12 Fund;
- 13 31. State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund;
- 14 32. Fisheries Management and Protection Fund;
- 15 33. Ocean Beach Replenishment Fund;
- 16 34. Community Services Trust Fund;
- 17 35. Waiting List Equity Fund;
- 18 36. Health Care Coverage Fund;
- 19 37. Health Services Cost Review Commission Fund;
- 20 38. Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund;
- 21 39. funds in the accounts of Morgan State University;
- 22 40. funds in the accounts of St. Mary's College of
- 23 Maryland;
- 24 41. funds in the accounts of the University System of
- 25 Maryland;
- 26 42. Maryland Prepaid College Trust Fund;

Community College;

43. Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund;
44. funds in the accounts of the Baltimore City
45. Education Trust Fund;
46. Section 8 construction and administration funds administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development;
47. MacArthur Grant Fund;
48. all special funds within the Department of Business and Economic Development;
49. Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund;
50. Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund;
51. Bay Restoration Fund;
52. Migratory Game Bird Fund;
53. Deer Stamp Fund;
54. Wildlife Habitat Incentive Fund;
55. Fisheries Research and Development Fund;
56. Strategic Energy Investment Fund;
57. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund;
58. 50% of the interest from the 9–1–1 Trust Fund;
59. all accounts within the State Reserve Fund;
60. local revenue accounts collected by the Judiciary;
61. Assistive Technology Loan Fund;
62. Veterans Trust Fund; [and]
63. Transportation Trust Fund; **AND**

**64. THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION****FUND.**

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Treasurer may invest separately or commingled in 1 or more pools amounts to be invested by law or regulation for State agencies.

(2) The Treasurer shall allocate net earnings on amounts commingled in a pool to the appropriate State agencies entitled to receive interest earnings under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.