

# HOUSE BILL 262

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By: **Delegates M. Washington, Cullison, Hettleman, and C. Howard**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund – Funding and Distribution**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of funding required to be included in the annual  
4 State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund; altering the  
5 distribution of the Fund; requiring a certain percentage of the Fund to be distributed  
6 based on each county's share of the senior citizen population; requiring a certain  
7 percentage of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the  
8 population of senior citizens with income below a certain percentage of the federal  
9 poverty level; and generally relating to the Senior Citizen Activities Center  
10 Operating Fund.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Human Services  
13 Section 10–516  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Human Services**

19 10–516.

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

22 (b) (1) The Fund consists of appropriations that are made to the Fund from  
23 the State budget.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual State  
2 budget an appropriation of [~~\$500,000~~] **\$1,000,000** for the Fund.

3 (c) (1) Subject to [~~paragraph (2)~~] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this  
4 subsection, money from the Fund shall be distributed to counties for senior citizen activities  
5 centers based on a competitive grant process administered by the Department.

6 (2) [At least 50% of the Fund shall be distributed for senior citizen  
7 activities centers on the basis of need, as determined by the Department, to counties:

8 (i) that have developed and submitted a local strategic plan for  
9 economic development that has been approved by the Secretary of Commerce; and

10 (ii) for which:

11 1. the average rate of unemployment for the most recent  
12 18-month period for which data is available is greater than 150% of the average rate of  
13 unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

14 2. the average per capita personal income for the most recent  
15 24-month period for which data is available is equal to or less than 67% of the average  
16 personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.]

17 **(I) 30% OF THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES  
18 BASED ON EACH COUNTY'S PRO RATA SHARE OF THE STATEWIDE POPULATION OF  
19 SENIOR CITIZENS.**

20 **(II) FUNDING PROVIDED TO A COUNTY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH  
21 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF  
22 MULTIPLYING THE FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
23 PARAGRAPH TIMES A FRACTION:**

24 **1. THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF  
25 SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN THE COUNTY; AND**

26 **2. THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF  
27 SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN THE STATE.**

28 **(3) (I) 70% OF THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES  
29 BASED ON EACH COUNTY'S PRO RATA SHARE OF THE STATEWIDE POPULATION OF  
30 SENIOR CITIZENS IN EACH COUNTY WITH INCOME BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL  
31 POVERTY LEVEL.**

32 **(II) FUNDING PROVIDED TO A COUNTY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH  
33 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF**

1 MULTIPLYING THE FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
2 PARAGRAPH TIMES A FRACTION:

3                           1. THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF  
4 SENIOR CITIZENS WITH INCOME BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL  
5 LIVING IN THE COUNTY; AND

6                           2. THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF  
7 SENIOR CITIZENS WITH INCOME BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL  
8 LIVING IN THE STATE.

9           (d) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State  
10 funds.

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2016.