

(d) "Economically disadvantaged" means an individual that meets the criteria established by the DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND Employment [Security Administration] DEVELOPMENT through promulgated regulations.

112.

(a) Any appropriation made by the General Assembly to implement this subtitle shall be used:

(1) For comprehensive job training and related services or job opportunities programs for economically disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed individuals, including persons of limited English speaking ability, through opportunities industrialization centers and other community based organizations; and

(2) For the establishment and operation in the State of these centers and organizations.

(b) Comprehensive job training and related services include: recruitment, counseling, remediation, motivational prejob training, vocational training, job development, job placement, and other appropriate services enabling individuals to secure and retain employment at their maximum capacity. The [Employment Security Administration] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT shall administer this subtitle. Each grant or program shall require the approval of the Governor and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

113.

(a) The [Employment Security Administration] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing criteria for the distribution of funds under this subtitle. The criteria shall include requirements:

(1) That the program receiving State assistance:

(i) Involve residents in the area to be served by the program in the planning and operation of the program; and

(ii) Involve the business community in the area to be served by the program in its development and operation;

(2) That the distribution of assistance among areas within the State be equitable, with priority being given to areas with high unemployment or underemployment;

(3) That financial assistance under this subtitle to any program may not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the program, including costs of administration; and