

nity Programs Administration. In 1983, the Office became the Job Training and Placement Administration under the Department of Employment and Training. In 1987, the Division was renamed the Office of Employment Training under the Division of Employment and Training. The Office administers programs authorized by the federal Job Training Partnership Act. Under the federal Act, the State administers employment and training programs operated within Maryland for economically disadvantaged adults and youth, and dislocated workers. Programs encompass vocational training, counseling, and on-the-job training, as well as summer programs for youth. They also include those operated by local service delivery areas/private industry councils (SDA/PIC).

In accordance with federal law, the Governor designated twelve local service delivery areas, which consist of a county or group of counties. Each area has a private industry council that decides what particular employment and training services are needed in its area. Appointed by local government, the private industry councils consist of representatives of community colleges, local government, private industry, and State agencies.

The Office of Employment Training also supports the Department of Human Resources' management of the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program. Created by the federal Family Support Act, the Program offers employment training, education, employment support services, and job placement to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The Office works with local private industry councils that operate the Program in conjunction with other local agencies of social services, education, and economic development.

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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Functions of the Office of Employment Services date to 1902, when the Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics was instructed to organize and operate a free State employment agency (Chapter 365, Acts of 1902). That responsibility in 1916 was transferred to the State Board of Labor and Statistics with the additional duty of investigating causes of unemployment and possible solutions (Chapter 406, Acts of 1916). Since 1936, the State's employment service also has administered the unemployment insurance law.

Created in 1937, the Department of Employment Security included the Employment Service Division. The Division continued to function under the Department of Employment and Social Services, created in 1970; and under the Employment Security Administration of the Department of Hu-

man Resources, formed in 1975. When the Department of Employment and Training was established in 1983, the Division became the Maryland Job Service under the Department's Job Training and Placement Division. In 1987, the Maryland Job Service became part of the Division of Employment and Training within the Department of Economic and Employment Development.

The Office of Employment Services, also known as the Maryland Job Service, provides a statewide public labor exchange to match employers with job seekers. The Office also carries out programs for Alien Registration, National Job Bank, Targeted Jobs Tax Credit, Statewide Vocational Counseling and Testing, Disabled Veterans Outreach, Local Veterans Employment Representative, Unemployment Insurance Work Test, and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers.

JOB SERVICE EMPLOYER COMMITTEES

STATEWIDE STEERING COMMITTEE

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Job Service Employer Committees were formed in the early 1970s. They include a statewide steering committee and 20 local committees that audit and advise local Job Service offices.

OFFICE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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In December 1936, the General Assembly was called into special session to pass Maryland's Unemployment Compensation Law. The Office of Unemployment Insurance originated as the Unemployment Compensation Board created by that special session. The Board was superseded by the Department of Employment Security in 1937 (Chapter 314, Acts of 1937). The Department's Unemployment Insurance Division administered the unemployment insurance law until 1970. In that year, the Department was reorganized as the Department of Employment and Social Services (Chapter 96, Acts of 1970). The new Department's Employment Security Administration carried on administrative duties and in 1975 was renamed the Unemployment Insurance Division of the Department of Human Resources (Chapter 382, Acts of 1975). In 1983, the Division was transferred to the Department of Employment and Training and renamed the Unemployment Insurance Administration. It became part of the Department of Economic and Employment Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

Pursuant to the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, the Office of Unemployment Insur-