

## VETOES

impair the equitable redistribution of funds should the level of combined federal and State funding decrease from current levels. Although I do not anticipate any decrease in program funding, should such a decrease be necessary this bill would preclude other areas of the State from receiving their fair share of the available funds.

Because it would set an undesirable precedent by mandating a particular funding level to a particular SBDC satellite center and could result in inequitable distribution of funds, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 798.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 798

AN ACT concerning

**Economic Development – Small Business Development Center Regions Programs – Harford and Cecil Counties**

FOR the purpose of ~~altering certain calculations and procedures for the distribution of the Small Business Development Center Program funds by the Department of Economic and Employment Development; altering the assignment of Harford County and Cecil County to certain regions in the Small Business Development Center Program of the Department of Economic and Employment Development; altering the title of a certain small business development center region; specifying that secondary contractors shall be selected to operate satellite small business development centers within each region; and generally relating to the operating and fund distribution procedures of requiring satellite small business development center offices to be located in Harford County and Cecil County; providing for the staffing of the offices; providing for the funding of the offices; and generally relating to Harford and Cecil Counties and the Small Business Development Center Program.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development  
Section 5-202  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

**Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development**  
5-202.

(a) (1) The Secretary shall contract with a public agency, an institution of higher education, or a private contractor in each major region of the State to serve as a