

immediately after Section 364 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "~~32A Volunteers in Action~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS," to create the ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS, to provide for its powers and duties, and generally relating to the ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 364A through 364E be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 364 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "~~32A Volunteers in Action~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS," and to read as follows:

32A

~~Volunteers in Action~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS

364A.

(a) *The ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS is hereby created for the purpose of encouraging and developing a program of full and part-time ~~voluntary~~, A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN (15) HOURS PER WEEK, public service which would involve citizens of all ages throughout the State of Maryland in meeting the critical human needs of indigent residents, the needs of children, the elderly and the mentally and physically disabled, and in meeting such other needs as the Advisory Council to the program shall identify.*

(b) *No project shall be undertaken under the auspices of the ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS if such project shall replace regular workers or duplicate or replace an existing service in the same locality.*

(c) *No person may participate in any partisan political activity while engaged in the performance of his duties under the ~~Program~~ CORPS, and the provisions of this subtitle shall be effective only to the extent that they do not conflict with any federal or state laws or regulations relating to participation in partisan political activities.*

364B.

(a) *The ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS shall be part of the State Department of Employment and Social Services. The Secretary of Employment and Social Services, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint an Administrator of the ~~Program~~ CORPS who shall be chief administrative and executive officer thereof. The administrator shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, and he shall receive such salary as is provided in the budget from time to time.*

(b) *The exercise of all authority, duties, and functions vested in the ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS or the Administrator thereof by the provisions of this subtitle or by any other laws of this State shall be subject to the authority of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services.*