

(1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "~~Shore Erosion Control,~~" THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUBTITLE OF THE CODE to follow immediately after Section 758A(e) of said article, title and subtitle THEREOF, and to read as follows:

758A.

*(f) In addition to the foregoing, any county, the City of Baltimore, or any municipal corporation may borrow interest-free funds from said Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund for any approved project without the project construction cost limitation hereinbefore set forth, said funds to be repaid by said county, the City of Baltimore, or municipal corporation at a uniform rate over a period not exceeding twenty-five years as set forth in an agreement between the State and said county, Baltimore City, or municipal corporation.*

SEC. 4 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 525

(House Bill 554)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7(a) of Article 27A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Defender," to provide that parents shall be liable to reimburse the State, to the extent reasonably possible, for the services rendered their child, and to make a correction therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 7(a) of Article 27A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Defender," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

7.

(a) Eligibility for the services of the Office of the Public Defender shall be determined on the basis of the need of the person seeking legal representation. Need shall be measured according to the financial ability of the person to engage and compensate competent private counsel and to provide all other necessary expenses of representation. Such ability shall be recognized to be a variable depending on the nature, extent and liquidity of assets; the disposable net income of the defendant; the nature of the offense; the effort and skill required to gather pertinent information; the length and complexity of the proceedings; and any other foreseeable expenses. In the event that a determination of eligibility cannot be made before the time when the first services are to be rendered, the office may undertake representation of an indigent person provisionally, and if it shall [subsequently] subsequently determine that the person is ineligible, it shall