

and generally relating to a working grant program for certain public assistance recipients.

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 17A-1 through ~~[[17A-4]]~~ 17A-3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 17A-1 through ~~[[17A-4]]~~ 17A-3 be and they are hereby added to Article 88A - Social Services Administration, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

~~[[17A-1.~~

EMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, WHO DO NOT HAVE REGULAR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, MUST RECEIVE THEIR BENEFITS IN PERSON AT THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.]]

~~[[17A-2.]]~~ 17A-1.

(A) GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS SHALL NOT BE GIVEN TO AN EMPLOYABLE PERSON WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE LOCAL OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OR HAS REFUSED AFTER JOB COUNSELING TO ACCEPT ~~[[EMPLOYMENT IN WHICH HE IS ABLE TO ENGAGE]]~~ A SUITABLE PLACEMENT.

(B) A PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT ~~[[EMPLOYMENT]]~~ A PLACEMENT IF HE: (I) FAILS TO OBTAIN AND FILE WITH THE LOCAL OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICES ~~[[AT LEAST]]~~ [[SEMI-MONTHLY]] MONTHLY A NEW CERTIFICATE FROM THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OFFICE STATING THAT SUCH EMPLOYMENT OFFICE HAS NO ORDER FOR AN OPENING IN PART-TIME, FULL-TIME, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS ABLE TO ENGAGE; OR (II) WILLFULLY FAILS TO REPORT FOR ~~[[AN INTERVIEW]]~~ THREE CONSECUTIVE INTERVIEWS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE AT AN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYMENT WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY SUCH OFFICE; OR (III) WILLFULLY FAILS TO REPORT TO SUCH OFFICE THE RESULT OF A REFERRAL TO EMPLOYMENT; OR (IV) WILLFULLY FAILS TO REPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT.

SUCH WILLFUL FAILURES OR REFUSALS AS ABOVE LISTED SHALL BE REPORTED ~~[[IMMEDIATELY]]~~ WITHIN 30 DAYS TO THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE BY THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

~~[[(C) ANY RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WHO REFUSES ASSIGNMENT FOR WORK, AND, AFTER A FAIR HEARING, CANNOT SHOW EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD MILITATE AGAINST SUCH~~