

administer this program, and shall make rules it considers necessary in its administration. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL MAINTAIN COMPLETE RECORDS OF PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PROGRAM AND SHALL PREPARE YEARLY REPORTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES, COSTS, AND PARTICIPATION. The Department of Human Resources shall administer this program so as to comply strictly with the provisions of Article 49B, §§ 17 through 20, inclusive, relating to protection against discrimination in employment.

[(h)](I) The employer shall provide affidavits in support of each application as required by the Department. Prior to receiving any grant, the Department shall require the employer to execute an affidavit, under penalties of perjury, certifying that to the knowledge of the employer, the student employee meets the qualifications of the Summer Scholastic Employment Act, and that the employer is eligible under the terms of that act to receive the separate and total rebates for which application is made.

[(i)](J) The total funds provided for the program may not exceed \$250,000 for each fiscal year in which the rebates are offered. These funds may be awarded annually on a pro rata basis according to the number of eligible applicants.

[(j)](K) Any employer who has satisfied the requirements of this section and who has filed an application or otherwise stated an intent to apply for a rebate [as herein provided] on or before [May 1] THE DATE SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES may apply for the rebate between September 15 and October 15.

[(k)](L) Wages paid to persons employed under the terms of this section shall not constitute wages for the purpose of computing eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits pursuant to the provisions of § 3 (b) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall expire on January 1, 1979 without further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.