

~~BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ENERGY--ASSISTANCE--AND--INFORMATION OFFICE.---THE--COORDINATOR--SHALL--WORK--IN--CONJUNCTION--WITH--THE EXECUTIVE--DIRECTOR--OF--THE--MARYLAND--OFFICE--OF--ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY---TO---INTEGRATE--THE--EXISTING--FEDERAL--ENERGY ASSISTANCE--PROGRAMS--WITH--THE--PROGRAMS--DEVELOPED--BY--THE OFFICE--MARYLAND OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.~~

(2) A STATE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR INSULATION MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION COSTS TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS. HOUSEHOLDS SHALL QUALIFY FOR WEATHERIZATION THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM ALLOTMENTS BASED ON INCOME AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE COORDINATOR.

(3) A FUEL AND UTILITY ALLOTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS TO ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS IN ORDER TO DEFRAY FUEL AND UTILITY COSTS. PROGRAM AND INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES ARE DETERMINED BY THE COORDINATOR. THE AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENTS ASSISTANCE SHALL BE BASED ON NEED.

496.

ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 1979, THE COORDINATOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION PLAN. THE PLAN SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION OFFICE AND PROGRAM AT BOTH THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS.

(2) MAKE A BUDGET REQUEST FOR BOTH OPERATING AND SUBSIDY FUNDS.

(3) IDENTIFY LOCAL AGENCIES OR OFFICES ABLE TO PROVIDE INTAKE AND OUTREACH SERVICES.

(4) ESTABLISH INCOME AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TARGET POPULATION.

(5) MAKE ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OR PROPOSALS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

SECTION 27 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the funding provided by the federal government for the energy assistance program is reduced below the figure prescribed on July 17, 1979, this mandatory provision shall be suspended until the amount provided by the federal government is increased to that figure.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE WILL TAKE EFFECT ONLY IF, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT, FEDERAL FUNDS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED HEREIN. NO STATE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR THE OPERATION OF THESE PROGRAMS EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR PROVIDED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT.