employees' participation in the program; and requiring each political subdivision to remit to the State the costs of its employees' participation in the program.

BY repealing and-reenasting,-with-amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 48A(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 48A(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

48A.

[(a) Any employee of a municipal corporation in Maryland, as definedin defined in § 9 of Article 23A, AND ANY-EMPLOYEE-OF-A-GOUNTY-IN-MARYLAND,-AS-DEFINED-IN-ARTICLES 25,-25A,-AND-25B, who participates in the State Employees' Retirement System may participate, with the approval of the governing body of the municipal corporation in the State Employees' Health Insurance Program and shall be subsidized by the municipal corporation OR-THE-COUNTY-GOVERNMENT to the same extent that State employees who participate in the Health Insurance Program are subsidized.]

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS:

(I) A COUNTY;

(II) BALTIMORE CITY; OR

(III) A MINIGIPAL CORPORATION AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 23A, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE.

- (2) ANY EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THIS STATE MAY PARTICIPATE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
- (3) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT WILL SUBSIDIZE ITS EMPLOYEES' PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.