

GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

46A.

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE THE AMOUNT IN THE STATE BUDGET EACH YEAR TO BE APPROPRIATED TO AND ADMINISTERED BY THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(A) TO FORMULATE, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND;

(B) TO FORMULATE, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND MONTHLY OR OTHER TIMELY BULLETINS AND REPORTS;

(C) TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE FIRE PREVENTION LITERATURE;

(D) TO KEEP RECORDS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF FIRE AND RESCUE APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES; AND

(E) TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A DATA BASE ON MANPOWER AVAILABILITY AND TRAINING, OPERATIONAL COST, APPARATUS AVAILABILITY, RESPONSE TIME, AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS IN PROVIDING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

46B.

~~THE--COMPTROLLER-MAY-AUDIT-THE-FINANCIAL-AFFAIRS-OF-THE MARYLAND-STATE-FIREMEN'S--ASSOCIATION--IN--ORDER--TO--INSURE COMPLIANCE-WITH-§§-46-AND-46A-~~

(A) THE COMPTROLLER MAY AUDIT THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH § 46A.

(B) FOR EACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD RECEIVING TRUST FUNDS UNDER § 46 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING SHALL REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OR FISCAL YEARS IN WHICH THE FUNDS WERE RECEIVED AND SHALL FORWARD THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR. THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL REVIEW THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO DETERMINE IF THE TRUST FUNDS WERE EXPENDED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SHALL REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING.