

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 716

(House Bill 1458)

AN ACT concerning

Federal Block Grants - State Determinations

FOR the purpose of establishing the policy of this State regarding State determinations relating to federal Federal block grants; providing for the roles of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Legislative Policy Committee ~~in implementing or administering block grants or in transferring funds between block grants when the General Assembly is in session and when it is not in session~~; and generally relating to the policy of ~~this State~~ regarding ~~federal Federal~~ block grants.

BY adding to

Article 15A - Budget and Fiscal Planning
Section 15A ~~through 15D, inclusive~~ and 15B, to be under the new subtitle "Federal Block Grants"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Recent enactments of the Congress of the United States have changed Federal policies with respect to the form of grants-in-aid to the states, the grants-in-aid having been consolidated into "block grants", and

WHEREAS, The establishment of block grants has been accompanied by major reduction in the funds appropriated by Congress for the programs which were placed in the "block grants", and

WHEREAS, The establishment of block grants, and the funding reductions accompanying them, create the need for major policy shifts and adjustments by the State of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, The Federal statutes authorizing block grants in some instances provide the State with discretion with respect to participation in block grants through acceptance,