

restricting and limiting the Corporation powers and use of funds; providing for audits of the Corporation and grantees of the Corporation; and providing for the receipt by the Corporation of appropriated State funds and other nonstate funds for the purposes of this Act; providing that the any appropriation be in the State operating budget that is submitted to the General Assembly at a certain time, or in any supplement to that budget; requiring every application for legal assistance under this subtitle to be written and accompanied by a certain affidavit; providing that it is a misdemeanor to fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain legal assistance to which he is not entitled; providing for certain definitions and penalties; and generally relating to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

BY adding to

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact
 Section 45A through 45M 45-0, inclusive, to be under
 the new subtitle "The Maryland Legal Services
 Corporation"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact

THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45A. SHORT TITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE REFERRED TO AS THE "MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION ACT".

45B. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(A) THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES;

(B) REDUCTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS HAS DIMINISHED THE LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EXISTING STATEWIDE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS: THE LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.; THE MARYLAND ADVOCACY UNIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, INC.; AND THE MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE, INC.