

Article - Labor and Employment

11-602.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "LOCAL AREA" MEANS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS ESTABLISHED IN THIS STATE UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998.

(3) "LOW INCOME" MEANS NOT MORE THAN 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTION PROGRAM.

(5) "SUMMER" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.

(B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND SUMMER YOUTH CONNECTION PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION.

(2) (I) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH WHO ARE NOT LESS THAN 14 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT MORE THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE.

(II) THE PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR YOUTH WHO:

1. ARE 14 YEARS OLD AND 15 YEARS OLD;
2. ARE FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES;
3. HAVE A DISABILITY;
4. HAVE A SPECIAL NEED; OR
5. OTHERWISE ENCOUNTER BARRIERS IN THE LABOR

MARKET.

(C) THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) MAKE GRANTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES TO FISCAL AGENTS FOR LOCAL AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLOCATION FORMULAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT;

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM; AND

(3) EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCES OF THE LOCAL AREAS IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

(D) UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE LOCAL AREAS SHALL: