

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) SOME COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE STATE ARE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISTRESS BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE INVESTMENT;

(2) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE ARE RECOGNIZING A HEIGHTENED RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THESE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS; AND

(3) FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATORS ARE REQUIRING MORE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT BY THESE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(B) PROMOTING FINANCIAL VEHICLE TO FACILITATE REINVESTMENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS SERVED BY PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FINANCIAL VEHICLE TO BE OPERATED BY PRIVATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO:

(1) INCREASE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT TO NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE THAT HAVE URGENT NEED FOR REINVESTMENT;

(2) MAKE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EASIER AND MORE DESIRABLE BY SPREADING THE FINANCIAL RISK AND OFFERING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE STATE IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT LENDING; AND

(3) FORGE PARTNERSHIPS AMONG FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE STATE IN MEETING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT GOALS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83B, § 10-101.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a "declar[ation]" is deleted in light of the reference to a "find[ing]" for brevity.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "regulators" is substituted for the former reference to "regulatory agencies" for brevity.

Also in subsection (a)(3) of this section, the former reference to reinvestment "activity" is deleted as surplusage.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "the State's" promoting the development of a financial vehicle is deleted as implicit in the reference to "the public interest".

Defined term: "Financial assistance" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 2. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT BOARD.

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THERE IS A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT BOARD.