

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83B, § 13-103.

The reference to "in the same way as other State money" is substituted for the former reference to "in the manner provided by law with all interest earned or gains realized from such investments to be credited to the Maryland State Appalachian Housing Fund" to conform to the terminology used in § 4-501(b) of this article.

Defined term: "Fund" § 11-101

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO ARTICLE

This revision contains the first of two divisions that will constitute the Housing and Community Development Article. Division I of the article revises the laws governing the housing, community, and heritage programs of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Division II of the article will contain the revision provisions relating to local housing authorities.

The Department of Legislative Services is charged with revising the law in a clear, concise, and organized manner, without changing the effect of the law. One precept of code revision has been that, once something is said, it should be said in the same way every time. To that end, the Housing and Community Development Article Review Committee conformed the language and organization of this Division I to that of previously enacted revised articles to the extent possible.

It is the manifest intent both of the General Assembly and the Housing and Community Development Article Review Committee that this bulk revision of the substantive housing and community development law of the State render no substantive change. The guiding principle of the preparation of this Division I is that stated in *Welch v. Humphrey*, 200 Md. 410, 417 (1952):

[T]he principal function of a Code is to reorganize the statutes and state them in simpler form. Consequently any changes made in them by a Code are presumed to be for the purpose of clarity rather than change of meaning. Therefore, even a change in the phraseology of a statute by a codification thereof will not ordinarily modify the law, unless the change is so radical and material that the intention of the Legislature to modify the law appears unmistakably from the language of the Code. (citations omitted)

Accordingly, except to the extent that changes, which are noted in Revisor's Notes, clarify the former law, the enactment of this Division I in no way is intended to make any change to the substantive law of Maryland relating to housing, community, and heritage programs.

Throughout this Division I, as in other revised articles, the word "regulations" generally is substituted for the former references to "rules and regulations" to distinguish, to the extent possible, between regulations of executive units and rules of judicial or legislative units and to establish consistency in the use of the words. This substitution conforms to the practice of the Division of State Documents. However, in