- (6) Distribution of money to fire, rescue, and ambulance companies, departments, or stations located in qualified municipal corporations in a county in the aggregate may not be less than 50% of the proportion that the expenditures of the qualified municipal corporation bear to total aggregate expenditures for fire protection in that county.
- (7) To receive money under this subsection, each county shall participate in the Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System and Ambulance Information System. 8–104.
- (a) (1) (i) The money distributed under this subtitle shall be used by each county for the purposes listed in $\S 8-102(f)(1)$ of this subtitle as an addition to and may not be substituted for any money appropriated from sources other than the Fund.
- (ii) In each fiscal year, each county shall make expenditures for fire protection from sources other than the Fund in an amount that is at least equal to the average amount of the expenditures for fire protection during the 3 preceding fiscal years.
- (iii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a county that fails to satisfy the requirements of this subsection may not receive money under this subtitle for that fiscal year.
- (2) For each fiscal year, each county that fails to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection may receive money under this subtitle subject to a penalty equal to the percentage by which the county fails to meet the county's maintenance of effort for that fiscal year.
- (b) (1) Each county shall make expenditures for fire protection from its own sources that are at least equal to the amount of State money to be received.
 - (2) A county may receive less than the amount initially allocated.
- (3) In determining the amount of expenditures for fire protection made by a county, before certification, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall review the financial information of the county for the first completed fiscal year before the fiscal year for which State money is appropriated.
- (4) Money received from the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund under § 8-204 of this title or other State money may not be used as the match required under this subsection.
- (c) (1) Money not distributed to a county because the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section are not satisfied shall be distributed to the counties that meet the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section in accordance with this subsection.
- (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each county that meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall receive an