

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 15A - Budget and Fiscal Planning

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(A) The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is a continuing grant, intended for and to be used exclusively to provide adequate police protection in the subdivisions and qualifying municipalities of this State, by State and subdivision sharing of costs on an equitable basis within certain limits related to population factors.

(B) Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring a subdivision or qualifying municipality to [appropriate or to] expend more for police protection than THE GREATER OF:

(1) THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR POLICE PROTECTION, AS DEFINED IN § 37 OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; OR

(2) THE [the] sum of the amount received in State aid under this program and local funds equal to that percentage of the local wealth used in calculating the State share in basic expenditures under the provisions of § 37(b)(1) of this article.

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(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, and thereafter, the State shall pay to each subdivision, and to each qualifying municipality, each year in the manner and subject to the limitations and requirements hereinafter provided, an amount determined as follows:

~~(3) -- Minimum Grant -- The State shall pay to each subdivision the amount, if any, by which the equivalent of \$2.50 per capita exceeds the total payments determined under subparagraphs (1) and (2). No subdivision for which the population estimate is less than the population estimated for the first year of this grant shall receive in any year a smaller amount of State aid for police protection than it received in any previous year (less 0.99% of the increase of the wealth base between that previous year and the current year), provided it has not reduced the level of expenditure for police protection which entitled it to the amount of that previous year's grant.~~

(7) Minimum Payment in Certain Years. [For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1983 and June 30, 1984, each] EACH subdivision shall be paid that amount, if any, by which the grant paid to the subdivision in the fiscal year ending June 30, [1982] 1984 exceeds the total payments determined under subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this subsection.