FOR VERIFYING TRANSACTIONS WITH THE BALANCES AND SECURITIES HELD BY DEPOSITARIES, FISCAL AGENTS, AND CUSTODIANS SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDITORS.

- (3) THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE GOVERNOR, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING. THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING BUSINESS HOURS AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION.
- (B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A), THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR DURING WHICH STATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO FINANCE ANY PORTION OF ITS OPERATIONS MAY BE AUDITED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.
- (2) THIS AUDIT SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE PLACE OR PLACES WHERE ACCOUNTS OF THE CORPORATION ARE NORMALLY KEPT. THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO ALL BOOKS, ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL RECORDS, REPORTS, FILES, AND OTHER PAPERS OR PROPERTY BELONGING TO OR IN USE BY THE CORPORATION AND NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE AUDIT. FULL FACILITIES FOR VERIFYING TRANSACTIONS WITH THE BALANCES AND SECURITIES HELD BY DEPOSITARIES, FISCAL AGENTS, AND CUSTODIANS SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDITOR. UNLESS THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR REQUIRES A LONGER PERIOD OF RETENTION, ALL BOOKS, ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL RECORDS, REPORTS, FILES, AND OTHER PAPERS OR PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION SHALL REMAIN IN THE POSSESSION AND CUSTODY OF THE CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.
- (3) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IF ADVISABLE.
- (C) THE CORPORATION SHALL REQUIRE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT OF EACH GRANTEE RECIPIENT. THE REPORT OF EACH AUDIT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE GOVERNOR, AND SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 5 YEARS AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION.

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- (A) (1) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINS, ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN, OR AIDS ANOTHER PERSON IN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING OR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL-ASSISTANCE ANY AWARD TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ENTITLED FROM THE MARYLAND RENTAL HOUSING RESOURCE PROGRAM IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.
 - (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, FRAUD INCLUDES:
- (I) WILLFULLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION; OR