

CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 911)

AN ACT concerning

Statewide Nutrition Assistance Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Statewide Nutrition Assistance Program in the Department of Human Resources; specifying the purposes of the Program; ~~establishing a certain Advisory Council for the Advisory Program; providing the composition, terms, and duties of the Council;~~ authorizing the Statewide Nutrition Assistance Program to award grants to certain food distribution organizations in a certain manner; requiring the Department of Human Resources to adopt certain policies and procedures; requiring grant recipients to obtain certain matching funds; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Statewide Nutrition Assistance Program; ~~and providing for a delayed effective date.~~

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
 Section 130A through ~~§30E 130D~~, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Statewide Nutrition Assistance Program"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, More than 714,000 Marylanders, including 194,000 children below the age of 17 and 77,000 individuals over the age of 65, are at risk of chronic undernutrition and of going without food for some period during each month; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 650,000 pounds of food per month, either donated or purchased at low cost, is available to meet the nutritional needs of these Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, Emergency feeding sites, such as food pantries and soup kitchens, are often unable to use this food to feed hungry Marylanders because of high transportation, storage, and preparation costs; now, therefore,

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