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While this legislation is certainly well intentioned, I believe that its benefits do not outweigh the possible loss of funds or the unnecessary delay of grants that could result. The Department of State Planning provides an important service in its current role as "clearinghouse" for information. It obviously would be able to continue to provide this service, perhaps in an improved manner, if it received the official status under HB 300 as the State's repository and clearinghouse for information on federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance programs. To accomplish that end, I would consider establishing the Department of State Planning as a clearinghouse by Executive Order, or supporting appropriate legislation next Session. However, considering the existing services and procedures offered by the Department, I do not feel that it is reasonable to risk the losses that might occur if the rigid 60 day advance publication provision were to go into effect.

For these reasons, I have today vetoed House Bill 300.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 300

AN ACT concerning

Department of State Planning - State Clearinghouse
for Intergovernmental Assistance

FOR the purpose of establishing by---statute---the---State Clearinghouse---for---Intergovernmental--Assistance in the Department of State Planning a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State financial and technical assistance; requiring the Clearinghouse, in addition-to-certain-other--responsibilities, Department to publish a certain catalog of State assistance programs and establish-a-repository-for-certain-information-on--grant--or assistance--opportunities;--providing-that-the-Clearinghouse shall; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to require certain units of State government to publish certain information on State grants in the Maryland Register within a certain time and to submit certain information to the Department; and relating---generally---to---the---State Clearinghouse--for--Intergovernmental--Assistance generally relating to the establishment of a clearinghouse for information within the Department of State Planning.

BY adding to