

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

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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 0.09% 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.

(5) Supplemental Grant. In addition to the payments made under subparagraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection, the State shall pay to each subdivision [with a population density of less than 8,000 per square mile,] an amount the equivalent of \$2.00 per capita. This amount of supplemental grant shall be retained by the subdivision but the governing body of the subdivision shall allocate and distribute part of the amount of supplemental grant to the qualifying municipalities on a formula basis to be negotiated between the governing body of the subdivision and the governing body of each qualifying municipality within the subdivision. The subdivision may use the proceeds of the supplemental grant for expenditures for police protection that are of benefit to all residents of the subdivision, both within or outside of municipalities.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.