

CHAPTER 375

(House Bill 1276)

AN ACT concerning

State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund – County Obligations

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which each county must submit a certain report concerning its use of moneys from the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund; suspending a certain ~~matching fund~~ maintenance of effort obligation of the counties for fiscal years 1992 ~~and 1993~~ through 1994 and 1993; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

Section ~~45D(b)~~ 45D(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

Section 45D(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

45D.

~~(b) Each county must expend funds for fire protection from its own sources that are at least equal to the amount of State funds to be received. A local government may receive less than the amount initially allocated. In determining the amount expended by a county, prior to certification, the Secretary shall review the financial information of the local government for the first completed fiscal year prior to the fiscal year for which State funds are appropriated. Funds received from the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund under Section 46A of this article or other State funds may not be used as matching funds.~~

(a) The funds distributed under this subtitle shall be used as an addition to and shall not be substituted for moneys appropriated from sources other than this program by the counties for the purposes listed in Section 45B(d)(1) of this subtitle. Each county shall expend for fire protection from sources other than provided under this subtitle, in fiscal year 1986 and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount of funds that is at least equal to the average amount of funds expended for fire protection during the 3 preceding fiscal years. Failure to satisfy the requirements of this subsection shall preclude disbursement of funds under this subtitle to the local government for that fiscal year.