

encompass certain participants in the Program as of January 1, 1993 and certain State employee organizations; requiring that certain organizations provide a certain notification; requiring the participation of certain organizations in the Program by a certain date in order to participate in the Program after a certain date; and generally relating to the State Employees' Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 8-101 and 8-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by ~~Chapter~~ Chapters \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 50) and \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 478) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993)

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

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

8-101.

(A) In this subtitle [.] THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "Program" means the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

(C) "SATELLITE ORGANIZATION" MEANS ANY ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY WHOSE EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM AS A SEPARATE ACCOUNT.

8-103.

(a) The Secretary shall:

(1) adopt regulations for the Administration of the program;

(2) ensure that the program complies with all federal and State laws governing employee benefit plans; and

(3) each year, recommend to the Governor the State share of the costs of the program.

(b) The Secretary may arrange as the Secretary considers appropriate any benefit option for inclusion in the Program.

(c) The Secretary shall specify by regulation the types or categories of State employees who:

(1) are eligible to enroll and participate in the Program with State subsidies;

(2) are eligible to enroll and participate in the Program without State subsidies; and

(3) are not eligible to enroll or participate in the Program.