circumstances; requiring the counties pay an adjusted share of the local estimated minimum budgets for local health services under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State to make certain payments to each county under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of funding for the provision of local health services in the budget beginning with a certain fiscal year; specifying the percentage of funding required for the provision of local health services funding; specifying a method of calculating the State share of the estimated minimum budget; preventing certain funds from being transferred or used for certain purposes; allowing the Governor to reduce funding for certain local health services by a certain percent; and generally relating to establishing a formula and method of financing and funding for the provision of local health services in the counties specifying the use of certain appropriations; requiring a certain minimum level of funding for each subdivision under certain circumstances; and generally relating to funding for local health services in the counties.

## BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 2-301 through 2-307-2-304 2-305, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3. Local Health Services Funding"

Annotated Code of Maryland (1994 Replacement Volume)

## BY repealing

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 15-101 through 15-105 and the title "Title 15. Local Health Services"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994)

## BY repealing

Chapter 593 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993

## Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland was the first state in the nation to have a local health department in each county; and

WHEREAS, Local health department programs focus on prevention; and

WHEREAS, Local health programs are a critical component to protecting the public health; and

WHEREAS, Since Fiscal Year 1956, State distributions to and subdivision allocations for local health services have been based on the "Case formula" (named after Richard Case); and