

(2) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

(3) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

(D) USES OF FUND.

THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF ADMINISTERING SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40A, § 5-107.

In subsection (d) of this section, the phrase "to defray the expenses of administering Subtitle 7 of this title" is substituted for the phrase in former Art. 40A, § 5-107(e) "to support the expenses of administering the Maryland Public Ethics Law as established in this subtitle" to clarify that source law appears to require that expenditures from the Fund may only be for purposes relating to lobbying regulation.

Defined term: "General Assembly" § 15-102

SUBTITLE 3. ADVISORY OPINIONS.

15-301. REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION.

(A) REQUIRED.

ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE, THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BODY SHALL ISSUE AN ADVISORY OPINION REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS TITLE.

(B) DISCRETIONARY.

ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF ANY OTHER ENTITY, THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BODY MAY ISSUE AN ADVISORY OPINION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40A, § 2-104(a).

Defined terms: "Advisory body" § 15-102

"Entity" § 15-102

15-302. ISSUANCE.

THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ADVISORY OPINION REQUIRED UNDER § 15-301(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A REQUEST, OR MORE PROMPTLY IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40A, § 2-104(b).