

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

297C.

(a) The Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission may establish a grants program for neighborhood crime prevention programs and drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, treatment, adjudication, and law enforcement programs.

(b) The Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission shall adopt regulations to carry out a grants program established under this section.

297D.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Commission" means the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.

(3) "Fund" means the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund.

(b) (1) There is a Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund.

(2) The Fund is a special continuing fund which is subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The Treasurer shall separately hold and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

(4) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(5) Any investment earnings shall be retained to the credit of the Fund.

(6) The Comptroller shall pay out money from the Fund as directed by the Commission or as approved in the State budget.

(7) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided for in § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.

(8) The purpose of the Fund is to provide funding for a grants program for neighborhood crime prevention grant programs and drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, treatment, adjudication, and law enforcement programs as provided under § 297C of this subheading.

(9) Administrative expenditures under this section shall only be made pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

(10) The Commission shall administer the Fund.

(11) Disbursements from the Fund shall supplement and may not be a substitute for any money designated in the State budget for assistance to the State for law enforcement, adjudication, drug abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs.