

any reference in law or elsewhere to the Income Maintenance Administration shall be deemed to refer to the Family Investment Administration.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall change any and all references to the "Income Maintenance Administration" in the Annotated Code of Maryland that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That because the General Assembly recognizes that proposed congressional welfare reform legislation may mandate the development of a registry of new hires in each state, and that development of a new hire registry will permit data matching of employment records to child support enforcement cases and AFDC and food stamp records to bolster child support collections and reduce AFDC and food stamp eligibility error rates, the Department of Human Resources shall establish a task force of agency staff, staff from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Lottery Agency, and representatives of the business community to evaluate the burden on employers resulting from the development of a registry and to increase the voluntary registration of employers. The General Assembly is concerned with the potential burden imposed on employers by development of a registry. The task force should consider options for minimizing the impact of the reporting requirements on private sector employers as well as evaluating the electronic transfer of information. The Department of Human Resources should report to the General Assembly by September 15, 1996 on its findings, and continue reporting quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources, the Maryland State Department of Education, selected local departments of social services, and interested nonprofit organizations, shall jointly develop a pilot project to administer the "Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters" to develop a home-based early intervention model for parents and their preschool children. The pilot shall begin on or before January 15, 1997, and shall continue for no more than 3 years. The Secretary of Human Resources shall report to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform on the success of the first year of operation of the pilot project before the start of the 1998 Session of the General Assembly.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall work with the Department of Human Resources in developing regulations and any contracts to execute the provisions of Section 5 of this Act.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall allocate general funds in the 1997 Fiscal Year appropriation for the Family Investment Program so that funds for enhancements may not exceed cost savings by more than 9%. The Governor may increase the income disregard provided in Article 88A, § 49(d) of the Code after reporting the reasons for doing so to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform. No provision of this section shall limit the Governor from allocating additional federal funds received for the purposes of this Act. The Governor shall report quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform on the efforts to meet the requirements of this section.

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That 3 years after the effective date of this Act, the Secretary of Human Resources shall seek an outside evaluation, not to exceed