

WHEREAS, By eliminating and consolidating certain boards and commissions, the effectiveness of grant moneys is maximized, a single point of contact is provided and government efficiency is increased; and

WHEREAS, Currently too many unnecessary and duplicative reports are required causing extra work and costing extra money at taxpayers' expense; and

WHEREAS, By eliminating and consolidating certain reports, accessibility and availability of information is enhanced, duplicative and redundant information is reduced, and State and local government efficiency is increased; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Administration has continued to put forth an effort to eliminate and consolidate boards and commissions, where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness is very active and where the State Council consists of representatives from each of the counties and Baltimore City and where all but three of the local advisory councils are inactive, the counties should have the appointment authority and control over the local advisory councils to continue as they deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The State Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has been inactive for over 5 years, and the necessary advice regarding the treatment and prevention of addictions can be obtained through other internal and external advisors, including the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Research Advisory Committee; now, therefore,

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

Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development

1-204.

(a) Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the Commission shall report by [January 15] DECEMBER 31 of each year to the General Assembly on the activities of the Commission during the previous year.

5-912.

The Authority shall:

(1) Keep proper records of its funds and accounts;

(2) Make an annual report BY DECEMBER 31 on its condition and operations to the Governor, the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, and the chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee; and

(3) Be audited annually.

5-1011.

The Authority shall:

(1) Keep proper records of its accounts;