14-903.

~~THERE IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED, AS A PROGRAM OF THE OFFICE OF FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES,~~ *THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS* TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT OR MORE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE.

14-904.

(A) ~~THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF~~ *THERE IS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF* THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM ~~SHALL REST IN AND BE EXERCISED BY A BOARD OF NINE DIRECTORS~~.

(B) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; ~~AND~~

(2) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

(3) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES APPOINTED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; AND

~~(2)~~ *(4)* EIGHT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, CONFIRMED BY THE ~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY~~ *SENATE OF MARYLAND*, AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ~~ONE EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT;~~

~~(II)~~ ~~ONE EXPERIENCED CONSUMER LENDER; AND~~

~~(III)~~ ~~SIX REPRESENTATIVES WITH A RANGE OF DISABILITIES~~ *FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, OR CONSUMER LENDING; AND*

(II) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH DISABILITIES OR WHO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(C) THE TERM OF A MEMBER *APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR* IS 4 YEARS.

(D) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(E) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(F) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO TERMS.