

subtitle "~~Subtitle 41~~ 8, Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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### Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland has the opportunity to rise to the forefront of the nation by fully investing in a well designed system of after-school opportunities for its youth; and

WHEREAS, All children in the State should have the opportunity to engage in productive, supervised activity when not in school; and

WHEREAS, Eighty percent of school children across the nation need nonparental supervision because their parents work and at least one-third of these students are left unsupervised; and

WHEREAS, Almost half of juvenile crime takes place between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day and the after-school hours also are the most frequent time when students are victims of crime and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Many parents need advice and financial assistance if they are to locate and afford quality after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, A State fund of \$10 million in fiscal year 2001 can ~~largely~~ begin to address the problem of children who are unsupervised after school in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Some local governments need time to make effective plans to invest State funding for after-school programs and may benefit from training grants; and

WHEREAS, The long-term financial viability of after-school programs depends on continued State investment, combined with local, private, and parental support; now, therefore,

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

### Article — ~~Education 41~~ — Governor — Executive and Administrative Departments

SUBTITLE ~~41~~ 8. MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE ADVISORY BOARD ON AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS.