

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 804

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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804.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE ~~MARYLAND~~ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM FUND.

(B) (1) THERE IS A ~~MARYLAND~~ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM FUND.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT MONEY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES FOR THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT DEDICATED TO:

(I) THE SERVICE OF EX PARTE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE; AND

(II) THE DATA ENTRY AND DATA UPDATING OF THOSE ORDERS.

(2) (C) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) (2) THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND, ALL EARNINGS FROM INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND, AND ANY OTHER MONEYS ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

(4) (3) THE GOVERNOR:

(I) MAY PROVIDE FOR THE FUND A DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000; AND

(II) ~~SHALL~~ MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS TO THE FUND IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 AND ~~EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~ 2002.

(5) (4) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY.

(II) THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(6) (5) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.