

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 617.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 617

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging - Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund

FOR the purpose of creating a Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund; providing for the administration of the Fund; providing for distributions from the Fund to counties for senior citizens activities centers; defining certain terms; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget of certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund.

BY adding to

Article 70B - Department of Aging

Section 33 through 35, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article 70B - Department of Aging

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND

33.

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

(B) "QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY ~~INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY~~ THAT HAS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A LOCAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY AND:

(1) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS GREATER THAN 150% OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT SAME PERIOD; OR