

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before November 1, 2001, the Secretary of Aging shall appoint the initial members of the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council created under this Act who are to be appointed by the Secretary.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council who are appointed by the Secretary on or before November 1, 2001, shall end as follows:

- (1) two on September 30, 2002;
- (2) two on September 30, 2003;
- (3) two on September 30, 2004; and
- (4) three on September 30, 2005.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 395

(Senate Bill 541)

AN ACT concerning

Welfare Innovation Act of 2001

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in cooperation with Department of Human Resources, to coordinate efforts among institutions of higher education to encourage and identify student volunteers to help provide mentoring to Family Investment Program recipients; specifying when temporary cash assistance may not be paid under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to provide certain exemptions for certain families; requiring the Secretary to establish a separate State program for certain families receiving temporary cash assistance; repealing a requirement for the Secretary to establish a representative payee or voucher program for certain minor children; increasing the period of time used to determine the eligibility of a former FIP recipient to participate in the Job Skills Enhancement Program; authorizing a local department of social services to work with businesses to train and place former FIP recipients in certain positions; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish a mentoring program for former FIP recipients; specifying that FIP caseworkers may be mentors; authorizing the Department to contract with other organizations to acquire mentors; specifying the activities that may be included as mentoring; specifying criteria for eligibility to participate in the mentoring program; limiting participation in the mentoring program to a certain amount of time; authorizing the Secretary to provide pay or other incentives for mentors;