Health and Welfare Benefits Program; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility of employees of qualifying not-for-profit organizations to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-501

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-512

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-501.

- (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Program" means the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.
- (c) "Satellite organization" means any organization or entity whose employees are eligible to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program as a separate account.

2-512.

- (a) In this section, "qualifying not-for-profit organization" means an organization that:
- (1) (I) receives State funds from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES that cover more than [one-third] 25% of the organization's operating expenses; and
 - (2) (II) is:
 - (i) 1. described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- $\frac{\text{(ii)}}{\text{Code}; \text{OR}}$ exempt from income tax under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; OR
 - (2) IS THE LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.