

(H) LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

(1) "LEGAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF ELIGIBLE CLIENTS BY GRANTEEES.

(2) "LEGAL ASSISTANCE" INCLUDES:

(I) TRAINING;

(II) RESEARCH;

(III) COORDINATION WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS; AND

(IV) OTHER ACTIVITIES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY LEGAL SERVICES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 10, § 45C(g).

Defined terms: "Eligible client" § 11-101

"Grantee" § 11-101

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 10, § 45C(e), which defined "Governor" to mean the chief executive officer of the State of Maryland, is deleted as unnecessary.

11-102. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES;

(2) REDUCTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS HAS DIMINISHED THE AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY EXISTING STATEWIDE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS;

(3) THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNABLE TO AFFORD ADEQUATE LEGAL COUNSEL;

(4) THE AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES REAFFIRMS FAITH IN OUR GOVERNMENT OF LAWS;

(5) THE FUNDING OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL WILL SERVE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; AND

(6) ATTORNEYS PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE MUST HAVE FULL FREEDOM TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR CLIENTS IN KEEPING WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.