

(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE PROPORTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS SECTION RELATIVE TO THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY TO ALL LOCAL DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE PROPORTION OF FUNDS DISBURSED IN FISCAL YEAR 1996 TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(2) AFTER FISCAL YEAR 1997, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PROPORTIONALLY ADJUSTED EACH YEAR TO:

(I) REFLECT CHANGES IN CASE LOADS, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT COST FACTORS THE PARTIES AGREE TO; AND

(II) ENSURE THAT THE GRANT IS EQUITABLE IN RELATION TO THE FUNDS PROVIDED TO ALL LOCAL DEPARTMENTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 13A(b)(2), (3), and (4) and (c).

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "in other counties" is substituted for the former phrase "elsewhere in the State" for clarity.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "provided under subsection (c) of this section" is deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to "pay[ing]" for accrued leave is substituted for the former reference to "continu[ing] to provide for the payment of" for brevity.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the phrase "in other counties" is added to distinguish between the Montgomery County government and other local departments.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101

"Local department" § 3-101

"Secretary" § 3-101

3-404. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.

(A) MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW.

(B) USE AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

THE USE AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF STATE SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY THE MONTGOMERY