

least an equal and matching fund of \$200,000. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property[, OR in kind contributions[, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act]. ~~THE FUND MAY CONSIST OF FUNDS EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT~~ JUNE 1, 1989. In case of any dispute as to what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter, and the Board's decision is final. The Maryland Art Place, Inc. has until June 1, ~~1991~~ 1993, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. If this evidence is not presented by June 1, ~~1991~~ 1993, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes authorized in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1992.

Approved May 12, 1992.

CHAPTER 253

(Senate Bill 429)

AN ACT concerning

Child Victims of Sexual Offenses – Use of Out of Court Statements

FOR the purpose of permitting the use in certain court proceedings of certain statements made under certain circumstances by a child who is the alleged victim of certain sexual offenses; and generally relating to the use of out of court statements of children in court proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-103.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-103.1.

(a) In this section "statement" means:

(1) An oral or written assertion; or