

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article - Education**

21-303.

(a) There is an Employment Program Fund in the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education.

(b) Funds for the Employment Program Fund established under this section shall be included in the budget of the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education.

(c) A community rehabilitation and employment agency accredited by the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education is eligible to receive funds available in the Employment Program Fund established under this section.

(d) The Division of Rehabilitation Services may contract with nonprofit rehabilitation and employment agencies to provide the funds established under this section for:

- (1) Supported employment placements;
- (2) Competitive work placements; OR
- (3) Transitional employment[; or
- (4) Sheltered employment].

(e) The Division of Rehabilitation Services shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

21-401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) ["Disabled individual"] "INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES" means an individual who:

- (1) Has a severe physical or mental disability that seriously limits his mobility, communication, work tolerance, work skills, and ability to care for and direct himself, and function generally;
- (2) Can be expected to require multiple rehabilitation services over an extended period of time; and
- (3) Whose disability is determined by an evaluation of rehabilitation potential to cause substantial functional limitation.