

(3) Using senior centers and public-private partnerships to promote education on:

- (i) health care;
- (ii) disease prevention;
- (iii) financial preparation for later life, including long-term care;
- and
- (iv) available services; and

(4) Promoting and developing service information and education programs delivered by volunteer retirees.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that there shall be no increases in the State budget of the Department of Aging for Fiscal Year 1999 or any fiscal year thereafter directly resulting from removing the Office on Aging from the Executive Department and creating the Department of Aging as a principal department of State government.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct any agency names and titles throughout the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 574

(House Bill 269)

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Department of Aging

FOR the purpose of removing the Office on Aging from the Executive Department; creating the Department of Aging as a principal department of State government; directing the Secretary of Aging to report directly to the Governor; requiring the Department to report on a strategic plan that includes certain recommendations on or before a certain date; *stating the intent of the General Assembly*; specifying that the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct agency names and titles in the Code to conform to the changes that are made by this Act; and generally relating to the Department of Aging.

BY renaming

Article 70B - Office on Aging