to issue a certificate, diploma or degree pursuant to Title 12 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code. This term shall not mean any institution owned and operated by the State.

- (2) "INSTITUTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION" INCLUDES A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" MEANS AN INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 2-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE THAT:
- $\underline{\mathrm{(I)}}$  HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; OR
- (II) IS AN INSTITUTION OPERATED BY A BONA FIDE CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority may assist noncollegiate educational institutions in obtaining funding for financing capital projects.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the approval of the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services, the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall alter references in Article 43C of the Annotated Code relating to "institutions of higher education" to include "noncollegiate educational institutions" where applicable.

<u>SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That</u> this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

## CHAPTER 697

(House Bill 550)

AN ACT concerning

## Community Services Trust Fund - Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose of the Community Services Trust Fund such that certain proceeds to be received and held by the Trust Fund are not required to result from the closure of a Developmental Disabilities Administration facility or a Mental Hygiene Administration facility; specifying a certain exception for a certain period; providing that certain funds shall not revert to the General Fund and shall remain available for a certain purpose; repealing certain termination dates; and generally relating to the Community Services Trust Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments Section 18-205(c)