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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND.

(B) THERE IS A MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND.

~~(C) IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, MONEYS DERIVED FROM THE SURCHARGE ASSESSED IN CIVIL CASES UNDER §§ 7-202 AND 7-301 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND.~~

(C) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEYS DEPOSITED TO THE FUND FROM THE SURCHARGE ASSESSED IN CIVIL CASES UNDER §§ 7-202 AND 7-301 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND UNDER ARTICLE 10, § 45-0 OF THE CODE; AND

(3) INTEREST ON ATTORNEY TRUST ACCOUNTS PAID TO THE FUND UNDER § 10-303 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(D) THE FUND IS A NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(E) THE TREASURER SHALL:

(1) INVEST AND REINVEST THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS; AND

(2) CREDIT ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS TO THE FUND.

~~(F)~~ (F) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

(2) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION REQUESTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT UNDER § 7-108 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET OR BY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURE UNDER ~~§ 7-209~~ § 7-208.1 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

~~(F)~~ (G) THE MONEYS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION TO FUND CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENTS AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 10, §§ 45A THROUGH 45-0 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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