

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 6B. EMPLOYMENT IN RECOVERY PILOT PROGRAM.

8-6B-01.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE EMPLOYMENT IN RECOVERY PILOT PROGRAM.

(C) "TREATMENT" MEANS TREATMENT THAT IS RECEIVED IN AN ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN § 8-403 OF THIS TITLE, THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OR EXEMPT FROM THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 8-403 OF THIS TITLE.

8-6B-02.

THERE IS AN EMPLOYMENT IN RECOVERY PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

8-6B-03.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DESIGN AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OR COUNTIES THAT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OR COUNTIES THAT OUTLINE A PLAN FOR PROVIDING SUBSTANCE ABUSERS UNDERGOING ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT WITH ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND JOB SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE PROVIDERS AND THE LOCAL PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO OBTAIN MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT AFTER COMPLETING TREATMENT.

8-6B-04.

(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) BE DESIGNED TO REQUEST SOLICITATIONS OF INTEREST FROM LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OR COUNTIES THAT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(2) IF A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, REQUIRE THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY, INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A REGION, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR REVIEW.

(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN