

THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE SHALL DIRECT THE PROGRAM.

(B) PROVIDING TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

THE SECRETARY MAY NOT PROVIDE TRAINING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM EXCEPT AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF AN EMPLOYER OR GROUP OF EMPLOYERS.

(C) DETERMINING EMPLOYER NEEDS.

TO IDENTIFY EMPLOYERS THAT NEED ASSISTANCE, THE SECRETARY SHALL USE LOCAL ADVISORY GROUPS, INCLUDING PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCILS AND JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEES.

(D) PRIORITIES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

SUBJECT TO §§ 3-405 AND 3-412(c) AND (d)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PRIORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(E) ANNUAL REPORT.

THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT EACH YEAR ON THE OPERATION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR, THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, §§ 3-704 and 3-703(a), (b), (c)(1), and (d)(1).

Subsection (b) of this section is revised as a prohibition with an exception, rather than as a requirement subject to a condition, for clarity and accuracy.

In subsection (d) of this section, the phrase "[s]ubject to" §§ 3-405 and 3-412(b) of this subtitle is substituted for the former phrase "[e]xcept as provided in" the corresponding provisions of former laws for accuracy. Sections 3-405 and 3-412(c) and (d)(1) of this subtitle establish substantive qualifications and limitations on assistance available through the Program, rather than exceptions to the establishment of criteria and priorities under subsection (d) of this section. No substantive change is intended.

In subsection (e) of this section, the reference to the "Maryland Economic Development Commission" is substituted for the former term "Commission", which was defined in former Art. 83A, § 1-101, for clarity.

Also in subsection (e) of this section, the reference to the "Governor's Workforce Investment Board" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Work Force Investment Board". See LE § 11-505; Ch. 315, Acts of 2001.