

HB0018/462517/1

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 18
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Eviction Action**” and substitute “**Residential Tenants**”; in line 4, strike “position of”; in line 5, strike “Coordinator in the Office of the Attorney General” and substitute “Program”; in line 6, strike beginning with the first comma through “Coordinator” and substitute “of the Program; requiring the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to administer the Program; requiring the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, under the Program, to provide access to legal representation to certain individuals in eviction proceedings under certain circumstances; providing exceptions to the Program”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 6 down through “individuals;” in line 10; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 12 down through “purpose;” in line 13; strike beginning with the first comma in line 14 down through “report” in line 15; in line 17, after “composition” insert “, staffing”; in line 20, after “matters;” insert “requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in line 21, after “Evictions” insert “Special”; in lines 22 and 23, strike “Right to Counsel in Evictions Coordinator” and substitute “Maryland Legal Services Corporation”; and in line 26, after “Fund;” insert “requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State;”.

On page 1 in lines 10, 13, and 29 and on page 2 in line 1, in each instance, strike “Coordinator” and substitute “Maryland Legal Services Corporation”.

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - State Finance and Procurement

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Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020 and
Chapters 4, 8, 25, 28, 33, and 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2021)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)128. and 129.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020 and
Chapters 4, 8, 25, 28, 33, and 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2021)

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)130.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020 and
Chapters 4, 8, 25, 28, 33, and 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2021)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 9 and 10; in line 11, strike “**(D)**” and substitute “**(C)**”; in line 16, after “**INCOME**” insert “**, ADJUSTED FOR HOUSEHOLD SIZE,**”; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 21, inclusive; in line 22, after “**EVICCTIONS**” insert “**SPECIAL**”; in lines 22 and 23, strike “**(F)**” and “**(G)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(D)**” and “**(E)**”, respectively; and after line 25, insert:

“(F) “MLSC” MEANS THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION.

“(G) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS PROGRAM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in lines 3 and 4, strike “**COORDINATOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**” and substitute “**PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY MLSC**”; in line 5, strike “**COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**PROGRAM**”; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 14, inclusive; in line 16, strike “**THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**UNDER THE PROGRAM, MLSC**”; in line 19, strike “**THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; in line 21, strike “**OR TERMINATE THE TENANCY OR HOUSING SUBSIDY OF**”; and in lines 23 and 24, strike “**SECTIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE**” and substitute “**PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 4, after “**8-216**” insert “**OF THIS SUBTITLE**”; in line 7, strike “**THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**UNDER THE PROGRAM, MLSC**”; strike beginning with “**A**” in line 10 down through “**(II)**” in line 12; in line 13, strike “**(III)**” and substitute “**(II)**”; in the same line, strike “**A DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; in line 18, strike “**A DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**” and substitute “**UNDER THE PROGRAM, MLSC**”; in line 21, strike “**THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; in line 23, strike “**THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; strike in their entirety lines 25 through 27, inclusive; and in line 29, strike “**THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**MLSC**”.

On page 6, in line 16, strike “**THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; in line 21, strike “**(A)**”; and in lines 21 and 22, strike “**THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**MLSC**”.

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On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 6 through line 2 on page 7, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, in line 6, after “**THE**” insert “**OFFICE OF THE**”; in the same line, strike “**MAY**” and substitute “**SHALL**”; in lines 7, 9, 10, and 11, in each instance, strike “**REPRESENTATIVES**” and substitute “**AT LEAST TWO REPRESENTATIVES**”; in line 11, strike “**AND**”; in line 12, after “**CITIZENS**” insert “**; AND**”

(VI) AT LEAST TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LANDLORDS”;

after line 17, insert:

“(D) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.”;

in lines 18 and 23, strike “**(D)**” and “**(E)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(E)**” and “**(F)**”, respectively; and strike beginning with the comma in line 24 down through “**GROUPS**” in line 26.

On page 8, after line 3, insert:

“(G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.”;

in line 4, strike “**(F)**” and substitute “**(H)**”; in line 7, after “**EVICCTIONS**” insert “**SPECIAL**”; in line 11, strike “**THE COORDINATOR**” and substitute “**MLSC**”; after line 17, insert:

“(2) INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND;”;

in line 19, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; in lines 22 and 23, strike beginning with “A” in line 22 down through “GROUP” in line 23 and substitute “MLSC”; in lines 23 and 24, strike beginning with “RIGHT” in line 23 down through “PROCEEDINGS” in line 24 and substitute “PROGRAM”; and in line 26, after the semicolon insert “AND”.

On page 9, in line 14, strike “GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE” and substitute “FUND”.

On pages 8 and 9, strike beginning with “IF” in line 27 on page 8 down through “(4)” in line 6 on page 9.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 9, in line 22, strike “THE COORDINATOR” and substitute “MLSC”; and in line 23, strike “AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE TASK FORCE”.

On page 10, in line 6, strike “THE COORDINATOR” and substitute “MLSC”; and in line 10, strike “THE COORDINATOR” and substitute “MLSC”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, after line 11, insert:

“Article – State Finance and Procurement

6–226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise

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entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

128. the Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund; [and]

129. the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund; AND

130. THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS SPECIAL FUND.”.