

Chapter 236

(Senate Bill 346)

AN ACT concerning

Innovations in Aging Services Program – Commission on Aging – Responsibilities

FOR the purpose of repealing the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council and transferring certain Council responsibilities to the Commission on Aging; providing that the Commission shall advise the Secretary of Aging on the development of a certain annual Innovation in Aging Services Program plan; providing that the Commission shall advise the Secretary on the awarding of certain grants in accordance with certain Program priorities; and generally relating to the Commission on Aging and the Innovations in Aging Services Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 10–601, 10–603, and 10–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Human Services
Section 10–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

10–601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

[(b) “Council” means the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council.]

(B) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE COMMISSION ON AGING ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–208 OF THIS TITLE.

(c) “Program” means the Innovations in Aging Services Program.

10-603.

(a) (1) With the advice of the [Council] COMMISSION, the Secretary shall:

(i) develop annually a Program plan; and

(ii) submit the plan to the Governor and General Assembly for approval as part of the annual State budget.

(2) The plan shall set forth priorities for:

(i) funding grants for innovative services to seniors; and

(ii) training personnel who provide services to seniors in the State.

(3) The plan shall include provisions for:

(i) funding grants that are sought by Communities for a Lifetime to the extent practicable; and

(ii) evaluating any program funded under the plan.

(b) The Secretary may accept money from any public or private source to fund grants awarded under this subtitle.

[10-604.

(a) There is an Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council in the Department.

(b) The Council consists of the following 15 members:

(1) the Secretary of Aging;

(2) the chair of the Maryland Commission on Aging or the chair's designee;

(3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's designee;

(4) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

- (5) one member of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker; and
- (6) the following 10 members appointed by the Secretary of Aging:
- (i) five representatives of organizations providing services to seniors;
 - (ii) two representatives of senior consumers of services to seniors;
 - (iii) a director of an area agency;
 - (iv) a representative of a Community for a Lifetime; and
 - (v) a representative of the University of Maryland Center on Aging.
- (c) The Secretary is the chair of the Council.
- (d) (1) The term of a member of the Council is 4 years.
- (2) The terms of the members appointed by the Secretary are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Council on October 1, 2007.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.]

[10-605.] 10-604.

- (a) The Secretary shall solicit grant proposals to implement the Program priorities approved by the Governor and the General Assembly under § 10-603(a) of this subtitle.
- (b) With the advice of the [Council] COMMISSION, the Secretary shall award grants funded in accordance with the approved Program priorities.
- (c) The Secretary shall provide for the evaluation, by recognized authorities in the field of services to seniors, of the programs funded by the grants.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.