House Bill 1210 - Overview

• An entity may not qualify for a state benefit unless it is able to demonstrate:
  • Membership of underrepresented communities in the its board or executive leadership; or
  • Support for underrepresented communities in the entity’s mission.

• The Department of Commerce and the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall:
  • Develop, maintain and post an *equity scorecard* that compiles diversity data for each entity on:
    • the membership of underrepresented communities in the entity’s board or executive leadership; and
    • the support of underrepresented communities in the entity’s mission.
Definitions

• Applies to all entities incorporated or registered to do business in MD

• “State benefit” means:
  • State capital grant funding totaling $1m or more in a single fiscal year; or
  • State tax credits totaling $1m or more in a single fiscal year; or
  • The receipt of a state contract with a total value of $1m or more.

• “Underrepresented community” means:
  • A community whose members identify as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native.
SB 496 – “RELIEF” Act

Assistance Payments and Tax Relief

• Eliminates taxes on government relief loans and grants, and unemployment benefits for two years (Calendar 2020 & 2021)
• Sales Tax Credit for Vendors – max of $3000 for 3 months
• Refundable EITC for Three Years – through TY 2022, 45% of federal amt for families, 100% of federal amount for childless individuals
• Direct Relief Checks - $300 for Individual, $500 for Joint Filers, not subject to garnishment except child support
SB 496 – “RELIEF Act”
“Recovery Now Fund”

Authorizes the Governor to provide budget amendments for 33 ‘additions’ to the FY 2021 current budget, including

$22 million for enhanced TDAP ($100 monthly)
$10 million for Maryland and the Capital Area Food Banks
$30 million to PSC for utility arrearages relief
$20 million to DHCD/locals for Nonprofits – priority to those not helped in 2020
  $5 million to the State Arts Council
$10 million to DHCD – grants to live entertainment venues and producers
$32 million for individuals with pending UI claims
$14 million to MCHRC for health services and reducing health disparities**retainable
$20 million to MDH - $5m to community service providers, $15m to mobile crisis and walk-in services
$15 million to DHCD for emergency housing grants
  $3 million to MD Legal Services Corp for eviction representation/assistance
Resources on “RELIEF”

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Governor’s One-Pager

Senate Bill 496 – Final Version – Text

- Fiscal Note  *

Comptroller’s Web Page on RELIEF