



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 878**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) Each state agency shall  
2 (1) maximize the extent to which it accesses federal funds that are  
3 available to states from the federal government, and (2) annually  
4 assess the federal funds that such agency accesses, the federal funds  
5 that it could but does not access and the reasons it does not access such  
6 funds, and which funds it may access in the future. Not later than  
7 January first, annually, each state agency shall submit a report on its  
8 progress, findings and recommendations under subdivisions (1) and  
9 (2) of this subsection, to the Office of Policy and Management, the joint  
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11 matters relating to appropriations to state agencies, and the Office of  
12 Fiscal Analysis.

13 (b) The Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the  
14 Office of Fiscal Analysis, shall recommend and design actions that may  
15 be taken to increase the level of federal funds accessed by the state,  
16 including, but not limited to, potential applications for competitive  
17 grants, qualifications for bonus awards such as welfare bonuses, child  
18 support federal incentive payments, adoption bonuses and new food  
19 stamp performance bonuses, the maximization of federal Medicaid  
20 funds, and applications for new health, human service education and  
21 homeland security resources, when available.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*