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Budget (Code 23.21.00)	
FY1989 Total Appropriation	\$131,484
General Funds	\$131,484

Annual Report to Governor, State Treasurer, & appropriate Standing Committees of General Assembly.

Annual Report by State Treasurer to Governor, General Assembly, & Energy Overcharge Restitution Trust Fund Board of Trustees on management of funds.

**ENERGY OVERCHARGE RESTITUTION
TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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The Energy Overcharge Restitution Trust Fund was established in 1984 (Chapter 759, Acts of 1984). Credited to the Fund are refunds received by the State to redress violations of federal petroleum pricing regulations, and gifts accepted by the State expressly designated to help individuals with weatherization and energy assistance. The State Treasurer manages the Trust Fund.

The Board of Trustees for the Trust Fund develops plans for the use of the Fund and procures for it all energy overcharge refunds and judgment awards to which the citizens of the State have legal entitlement. According to prescribed guidelines, the Board considers the needs of the citizens of Maryland in devising plans for the allocation and disbursement of Trust funds.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of fifteen members. Nine serve ex officio and six are appointed by the Governor. Of the appointed members, three represent local government, two represent the public, and one represents the utility industry. They serve three-year terms. Four of those serving ex officio are nonvoting members. They include the chairpersons (or their designees) of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 7-301 through 7-308).

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Chairperson: M. Peter Moser, 1989

Appointed by Governor (three with Senate advice & consent, one nominated by Senate President, one nominated by House Speaker): Barbara M. Steckel, 1990; Rev. C. Anthony Muse, 1992; William J. Evans, 1993; *one vacancy.*

John E. O'Donnell, *Executive Director*

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Budget (Code 23.01.05.06)	
FY1989 Total Appropriation	\$327,743
General Funds	\$327,743
FY1989 Total Authorized Positions	7

Annual Report to General Assembly.

The State Ethics Commission was established in 1979 to replace the Maryland Public Disclosure Advisory Board and the State Board of Ethics (Chapter 513, Acts of 1979).

The Commission guards against improper influence on public officials or the appearance of conflict of interest. The Commission, with the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Judicial Disabilities Commission, administers and implements the Maryland Public Ethics Law. That law requires disclosure of the financial affairs of public officials and sets minimum standards for the conduct of State and local government.

The Commission's authority encompasses conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying disclosure.

At the request of persons subject to the law and to Commission jurisdiction, the State Ethics Commission renders advisory opinions concerning the application of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. It investigates complaints that allege a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. On its own initiative, the Commission also may issue and investigate complaints. The Commission receives and reviews financial disclosure statements and lobbyist registration and activity reports. It assists and monitors the activity of local government in enacting local public ethics laws. The Commission provides training and information for those covered by the statute and for the public. The work of the Commission is coordinated with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Judiciary.

The Commission prepares a directory of firms that conduct a certain amount of business with the State. A pamphlet describing the Commission's program is available in limited quantities. Financial