

(7) The deadline for complete divestiture shall be extended by the period of any suspension under this subsection.

(8) During the period of any suspension under this subsection, the WSSC may make investments or deposits otherwise prohibited under subsection (b) of this section.

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45D.

(e) (1) Each county shall submit to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services by November 1 of each year, a report containing the following information for the preceding fiscal year:

(i) The amount of funds distributed to each recipient and the purpose of expenditure of these funds categorized as provided in Section 45B(d)(1) of this subtitle;

(ii) The amount and disposition of any unencumbered or unexpended funds; and

(iii) The amount of expenditures by the county for fire protection.

(2) A copy of this report shall be provided, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, to the Department of Fiscal Services.

(3) The Secretary may withhold funds with respect to the next fiscal year from a county if the county does not comply with the provisions of this subtitle. Failure to comply after notice and opportunity for a hearing may result in the forfeiture of the allocated funds, either in part or in full, and reversion to the State General Fund.

46C.

(a) The Comptroller may audit the financial affairs of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in order to insure compliance with § 46B.

(b) For each volunteer fire company or rescue squad receiving trust funds under § 46A the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall require financial statements for the fiscal year or fiscal years in which the funds were received as well as documentation of actual expenditures to be submitted within 90 days of the receipt of the equipment or beneficial occupancy, and shall forward the financial statements and the documentation, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, to the Legislative Auditor. The Legislative Auditor shall review these financial statements and the documentation to determine if the trust funds were expended according to the provisions of the request for financial assistance as approved by the Board of Public Works and shall report his findings to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, to the Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly.