

SENATE BILL 136

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CF HB 157

By: **Senator Folden**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Safe Schools Fund – Grant Allocations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the reallocation of grants from the Safe Schools Fund to
4 local school systems that have fully expended their grant allocation and demonstrate
5 unmet need within the same fiscal year; requiring the School Safety Subcabinet to
6 notify local school systems regarding the status of certain grant allocations; and
7 generally relating to Safe Schools Fund grant allocations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–1501(a) and (f)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 7–1508(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 7-1501.

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

3 (f) "Fund" means the Safe Schools Fund.

4 7-1508.

5 (g) (1) For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall
6 include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund for the
7 purpose of providing grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to
8 assist in meeting the requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

9 (2) Grants provided under this subsection [shall]:

10 (I) **SHALL** be made to each local school system based on the number
11 of schools in each school system in proportion to the total number of public schools in the
12 State in the prior year; **AND**

13 (II) **MAY BE REALLOCATED TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS THAT**
14 **HAVE FULLY EXPENDED THEIR ALLOCATION AND DEMONSTRATE NEED WITHIN THE**
15 **SAME FISCAL YEAR.**

16 **(3) TWICE ANNUALLY, THE SUBCABINET SHALL NOTIFY EACH LOCAL**
17 **SCHOOL SYSTEM REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ALLOCATIONS MADE UNDER**
18 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.