

HOUSE BILL 1532

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Capital Grant Program for Public School Systems**
3 **With Significant Enrollment Growth**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Capital Grant Program for Public School Systems
5 With Significant Enrollment Growth; providing for the purpose of the Program
6 and requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to
7 implement and administer the Program; specifying certain requirements for
8 grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Interagency Committee to
9 award certain grants to certain county boards of education under the Program;
10 requiring the Interagency Committee to develop certain eligibility requirements
11 and certain procedures and processes for grants awarded under the Program;
12 requiring the Interagency Committee to adopt certain procedures; requiring the
13 Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to provide a certain amount of
14 money in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; specifying that
15 funding provided under the Program is supplemental to public school
16 construction funding from other sources; defining certain terms; and generally
17 relating to the Capital Grant Program for Public School Systems With
18 Significant Enrollment Growth.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 5–313

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **5-313.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (2) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR
5 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH.

6 (3) "SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH" MEANS STUDENT
7 ENROLLMENT GROWTH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT HAS EXCEEDED
8 150% OF THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS.

9 (B) (1) THERE IS A CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH.

11 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS THAT ARE
13 EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH.

14 (C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED
15 BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

17 (2) GRANTS AWARDED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
18 UNDER THE PROGRAM:

19 (I) MAY NOT COVER MORE THAN 50% OF THE COSTS OF A
20 PROJECT;

21 (II) SHALL BE MATCHED BY LOCAL FUNDS; AND

22 (III) SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC
23 WORKS.

24 (D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL:

25 (1) PROVIDE GRANTS FROM STATE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR THE
26 PROGRAM TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC
27 SCHOOL SYSTEMS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT
28 GROWTH;

29 (2) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR A COUNTY BOARD TO APPLY
30 FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM;

1 **(3) DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A COUNTY BOARD**
2 **TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT FOR**
3 **A COUNTY BOARD TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MATCH A GRANT AWARD; AND**

4 **(4) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO ALLOCATE GRANT AWARDS UNDER**
5 **THE PROGRAM.**

6 **(E) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
7 **THEREAFTER, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN**
8 **THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL**
9 **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL**
10 **\$20,000,000 ANNUALLY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE**
11 **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM THAT MAY BE USED ONLY TO**
12 **AWARD GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

13 **(F) THE STATE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS**
14 **SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING**
15 **THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**
16 **CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES TO A COUNTY BOARD FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

17 **(G) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES**
18 **NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2014.