

HOUSE BILL 1615

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CF SB 1126

By: **Delegate Hixson**

Introduced and read first time: February 29, 2016

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Linking Youth to New Experiences (LYNX) High School – Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Linking Youth to New Experiences (LYNX) High
4 School pilot program at a certain high school in Frederick County; providing that the
5 LYNX High School pilot program is a public school under the authority and
6 supervision of the Frederick County Board of Education and the Frederick County
7 Superintendent of Schools; providing for the purpose of the LYNX High School pilot
8 program; requiring the County Superintendent, on or before a certain date, to
9 develop and submit to the State Board of Education for review a certain plan that
10 describes certain items; requiring the State Board to consult with the County
11 Superintendent after a certain plan is received; requiring the State Board to grant
12 the LYNX High School pilot program a waiver from certain regulations within a
13 certain period of time in accordance with certain provisions of law and regulation;
14 exempting the LYNX High School pilot program from certain provisions of law
15 relating to student assessments; requiring, after the granting of certain waivers, the
16 State Board and the County Superintendent to meet with representatives of the
17 Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Division of Labor and Industry in the
18 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation regarding certain items;
19 authorizing the LYNX High School pilot program to apply for and accept donations,
20 grants, or other financial assistance from certain entities; requiring the County
21 Superintendent to conduct an evaluation of the LYNX High School pilot program
22 each year; requiring the County Superintendent to submit to the State Board a
23 certain fiscal year evaluation report on or before a certain date each year; authorizing
24 the LYNX High School pilot program to continue to operate until the County
25 Superintendent sends the State Board a certain notice; defining certain terms; and
26 generally relating to the LYNX High School pilot program in Frederick County.

27 BY adding to

28 Article – Education

29 Section 7–1701 through 7–1705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. LYNX
30 High School Pilot Program”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 **SUBTITLE 17. LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 **7-1701.**

8 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
9 INDICATED.

10 (B) “COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT” MEANS THE FREDERICK COUNTY
11 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

12 (C) “LYNX HIGH SCHOOL” MEANS A LINKING YOUTH TO NEW
13 EXPERIENCES HIGH SCHOOL.

14 **7-1702.**

15 (A) (1) THERE IS A LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM AT FREDERICK
16 HIGH SCHOOL IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

17 (2) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL
18 UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF
19 EDUCATION AND THE FREDERICK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

20 (B) THE PURPOSES OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM ARE TO:

21 (1) PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED, SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY STUDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PERSONAL PLAN
23 FOR SUCCESS THAT IS DEVELOPED BY EACH STUDENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
24 EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ADVOCATES AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND IS
25 APPROVED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT;

26 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STUDENT’S PERSONAL PLAN FOR
27 SUCCESS, ALLOW THE STUDENT TO SELECT ACADEMIC COURSE WORK, THE METHOD
28 OF INSTRUCTION, AND THE PACE OF LEARNING THAT WORKS BEST FOR THE
29 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT; AND

1 **(3) ALLOW THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND MOVE BETWEEN**
2 **PROJECT-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE**
3 **LEVELS AND WORK, INTERNSHIP, OR APPRENTICESHIP EXPERIENCES FOCUSED ON**
4 **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE**
5 **STUDENT’S CURRICULUM.**

6 **7-1703.**

7 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, THE COUNTY**
8 **SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD FOR**
9 **REVIEW A PLAN THAT DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION,**
10 **PROPOSED CURRICULUM, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS,**
11 **AND STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION FOR STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN THE LYNX**
12 **HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.**

13 **(2) THE PLAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**
14 **DESCRIBE:**

15 **(I) HOW COURSE CREDITS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CLASSROOM**
16 **ACADEMIC COURSE WORK AND OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES;**

17 **(II) HOW STUDENTS MAY EARN CREDITS OTHER THAN**
18 **THROUGH CLASSROOM ACADEMIC COURSE WORK;**

19 **(III) HOW THE CURRICULUM WILL HOLD EACH STUDENT**
20 **ACCOUNTABLE FOR MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARYLAND COLLEGE**
21 **AND CAREER-READY STANDARDS;**

22 **(IV) HOW STUDENTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON THE MARYLAND**
23 **COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY STANDARDS;**

24 **(V) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION OF THE LYNX HIGH**
25 **SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM;**

26 **(VI) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE USE OF**
27 **INSTRUCTORS FROM INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND**
28 **INSTRUCTORS FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR;**

29 **(VII) THE USE OF ONLINE COURSES AND OTHER LEARNING**
30 **OPPORTUNITIES AND A PROPOSED METHOD OF APPROVING ONLINE COURSES THAT**
31 **MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS AND PACE OF THE CURRICULUM; AND**

1 (VIII) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AS DETERMINED BY
2 THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

3 (B) ON RECEIPT OF THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
4 SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY
5 SUPERINTENDENT TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
6 STUDENTS OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (C) WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DAY OF RECEIPT OF THE PLAN SUBMITTED
8 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
9 AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2-205 OF THIS ARTICLE AND
10 REGULATION TO GRANT WAIVERS FROM REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE
11 BOARD, THE STATE BOARD SHALL GRANT THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT
12 PROGRAM A WAIVER FROM THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

13 (1) ENROLLMENT AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR
14 13A.03.02.03;

15 (2) OTHER PROVISIONS FOR EARNING CREDIT IN COMAR
16 13A.03.02.04;

17 (3) PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS
18 LEADING TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN COMAR 13A.03.02.11;

19 (4) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.12.01 AND
20 13A.12.02;

21 (5) MANDATED SCHOOL DAYS AND SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS IN
22 COMAR 13A.03.02.12;

23 (6) ONLINE COURSE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR
24 13A.04.15.04; AND

25 (7) ANY OTHER REGULATION THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE PLAN
26 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

27 (D) FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL
28 PILOT PROGRAM, THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE EXEMPT
29 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-205.1(B) OF THIS TITLE.

30 (E) AFTER THE GRANTING OF WAIVERS FROM ITS REGULATIONS UNDER
31 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD AND THE COUNTY
32 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP

1 AND TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE DIVISION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY WITHIN THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION REGARDING:

3 (1) THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF APPRENTICESHIP
4 EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT
5 PROGRAM; AND

6 (2) THE WAIVER OF REGULATIONS UNDER COMAR 09.12.43.
7 7-1704.

8 THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM MAY APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
9 DONATIONS, GRANTS, OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A GOVERNMENT
10 ENTITY OR ANY NONPROFIT OR OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

11 7-1705.

12 (A) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF
13 THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM EACH YEAR.

14 (B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR, THE COUNTY
15 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AN EVALUATION REPORT
16 FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR THAT INCLUDES:

17 (1) THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER PROGRESS OF EACH STUDENT
18 ENROLLED IN THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM;

19 (2) THE LEVEL OF SATISFACTION OF THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
20 PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND ADVOCATES WITH THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT
21 PROGRAM; AND

22 (3) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM'S FISCAL YEAR
23 FINANCIAL REPORT.

24 (C) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM MAY CONTINUE TO
25 OPERATE UNTIL THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SENDS TO THE STATE BOARD A
26 WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM HAS BEEN
27 DISCONTINUED.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2016.