

# HOUSE BILL 503

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Translation Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Translation Grant Program in the State Department  
4 of Education; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department to  
5 develop the Program; requiring the Program to be a competitive grant program;  
6 requiring the Department to establish certain application procedures for obtaining a  
7 grant under the Program; requiring the Department to award certain grants in a  
8 certain priority; requiring the Department to distribute grants to be used for the  
9 translation of certain educational materials and to supervise the use of grant funds;  
10 requiring the Department to provide a grant to a certain county board in a certain  
11 fiscal year under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include a certain  
12 appropriation to the Program in each annual budget submission beginning in a  
13 certain fiscal year; requiring a certain county board to distribute a certain grant  
14 under the Program using a certain priority to schools within the county; requiring  
15 certain county boards to submit a certain report to the Department every 2 years  
16 beginning on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to report to the  
17 Governor and the General Assembly every 2 years beginning on or before a certain  
18 date; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to implement the  
19 Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to grants to county boards  
20 to support the translation of educational materials.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Education

23 Section 7–106.1

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



## Article – Education

## 7-106.1.

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

(2) “GRANT” MEANS A GRANT PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE TRANSLATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THERE IS A TRANSLATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO TRANSLATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS INTO A STUDENT’S OR PARENT’S NATIVE LANGUAGE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP THE PROGRAM.

(4) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS TO DISTRIBUTE TO SCHOOLS TO TRANSLATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(i) ESTABLISH THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A GRANT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE SUBMISSION DATE FOR APPLICATIONS, RENEWAL PROCEDURES, AND APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESSES FOR MAKING AWARDS UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(ii) GIVE PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS THAT HAVE A GREATER NUMBER OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM;

(iii) DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO A COUNTY BOARD TO BE USED TO TRANSLATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AT A SCHOOL WITHIN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING:

1. TEXTBOOKS;

2. WORKBOOKS;

- 1                                   **3.     HANDOUTS;**
- 2                                   **4.     ELECTRONIC ACADEMIC MATERIALS;**
- 3                                   **5.     ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS OR**  
4 **STUDENTS; AND**
- 5                                   **6.     ON-SITE OR OVER-THE-PHONE INTERPRETATION**  
6 **SERVICES; AND**

7                                   **(IV)   SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS**  
8 **DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

9                                   **(2)    IF A COUNTY BOARD CONTINUES TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS**  
10 **OF THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD A GRANT IN THE CURRENT**  
11 **FISCAL YEAR TO A COUNTY BOARD THAT RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM**  
12 **IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

13                                  **(D)    FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
14 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION AT LEAST**  
15 **\$250,000 FOR GRANTS PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM.**

16                                  **(E)    (1)   SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY**  
17 **BOARD THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT TO SCHOOLS**  
18 **WITHIN THE COUNTY.**

19                                  **(2)    IN DISTRIBUTING THE GRANT TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THE COUNTY,**  
20 **A COUNTY BOARD SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE A GREATER**  
21 **NUMBER OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.**

22                                  **(F)    ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, A**  
23 **COUNTY BOARD THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL SUBMIT A FISCAL AND PROGRAM**  
24 **REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION AS REQUIRED**  
25 **BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

26                                  **(G)    ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2020, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER,**  
27 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
28 **§ 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A**  
29 **REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:**

30                                   **(1)    A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF MATERIALS TRANSLATED;**

1                   **(2) THE NUMBER OF TRANSLATIONS REQUESTED BY PARENTS OR**  
2 **STUDENTS;**

3                   **(3) THE LANGUAGES INTO WHICH THE MATERIALS WERE**  
4 **TRANSLATED;**

5                   **(4) ANY ISSUES NOTED REGARDING THE COUNTY BOARD REPORTS**  
6 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

7                   **(5) AN EVALUATION, BASED ON OBJECTIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  
8 **ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.**

9                   **(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO**  
10 **IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.**

11                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2018.