

# HOUSE BILL 1411

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **CASH Campaign of Maryland Grant**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget a certain  
4 appropriation for the CASH Campaign of Maryland for certain services to promote  
5 the financial capability of low-income individuals and families; specifying the  
6 purposes for which the appropriations may be used; and generally relating to  
7 services to promote the financial capability of low-income individuals and families.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Human Services

10 Section 6–801 and 6–802 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Financial  
11 Capability Services”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2007 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 **SUBTITLE 8. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY SERVICES.**

18 **6–801.**

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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           **FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL**  
2 **STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF ~~\$250,000~~ \$200,000 FOR THE CASH**  
3 **CAMPAIGN OF MARYLAND TO PROMOTE THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF**  
4 **LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES BY PROVIDING OUTREACH, EDUCATION,**  
5 **AND FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES.**

6 **6-802.**

7           **AN APPROPRIATION MADE UNDER § 6-801 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED**  
8 **ONLY TO:**

9                   **(1) PROVIDE FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE THAT**  
10 **HELPS LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES:**

11                           **(I) FILE TAX RETURNS;**

12                           **(II) AVOID PREDATORY FEES; AND**

13                           **(III) CLAIM THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT OR THE**  
14 **STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX - GENERAL**  
15 **ARTICLE;**

16                   **(2) COORDINATE AND EXPAND ACCESS TO FREE, FACT-BASED**  
17 **FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COACHING FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND**  
18 **FAMILIES;**

19                   **(3) CONNECT LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO**  
20 **AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY FINANCIAL SERVICES;**

21                   **(4) RECRUIT, TRAIN, AND MANAGE A CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS TO**  
22 **PROVIDE FINANCIAL EDUCATION, COACHING, AND TAX PREPARATION SERVICES**  
23 **FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES; AND**

24                   **(5) CONDUCT OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND**  
25 **FAMILIES.**

26           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
27 **1, 2019.**