

HOUSE BILL 1539

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Stein, Bagnall, Carr, Cullison, Kipke, Krebs, Pena-Melnyk, and Reznik**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council;
4 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; establishing the
5 terms of certain members of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from
6 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
7 expenses; requiring the Council to advise the Governor’s Grants Office and the ~~Board~~
8 ~~of Public Works~~ Department of Budget and Management regarding certain matters;
9 requiring the Council to monitor and report on certain matters; requiring the Council
10 to study and make recommendations to the Governor’s Grants Office and the ~~Board~~
11 Department regarding the grants life cycle, including the creation of certain
12 materials for use by certain grant-making agencies, grant applicants, and grant
13 recipients, certain regulations, and certain recommended timelines and deadlines;

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 requiring the Council to solicit the input of certain stakeholders and ~~authorizing the~~
 2 ~~Council to~~ establish certain working groups; ~~requiring the Board to adopt by~~
 3 ~~regulation a certain uniform grant application form, uniform financial controls and~~
 4 ~~reporting requirements, and uniform performance progress reporting requirements~~
 5 ~~on or before a certain date; requiring the uniform grant application form, uniform~~
 6 ~~financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress reporting~~
 7 ~~requirements to be based on recommendations of the Council and, to the greatest~~
 8 ~~extent practicable, be consistent with certain federal guidance and related forms;~~
 9 ~~requiring the Board to adopt certain portions of a certain guidance on or before~~
 10 ~~certain dates; requiring a certain agency that awards certain grant funds to~~
 11 ~~administer grants in a certain manner on or after a certain date; authorizing a~~
 12 ~~certain agency to apply for an exception to a certain requirement under certain~~
 13 ~~circumstances; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Council and the~~
 14 ~~Governor's Grants Office, to adopt regulations governing the consideration and~~
 15 ~~approval of certain requests~~ Council to submit a certain report to the Department
 16 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring a certain State
 17 agency to appoint a ~~certain~~ Chief Accountability Officer on or before a certain date;
 18 requiring the Governor's Grants Office to provide technical assistance and
 19 interpretations of policy requirements for certain purposes; ~~providing that the~~
 20 ~~provisions of this Act and any regulations adopted under this Act supersede certain~~
 21 ~~conflicting regulations;~~ defining a ~~certain term~~ certain terms; requiring the ~~Board~~
 22 ~~and the Governor's Grants Office to jointly~~ Department to report to the General
 23 Assembly on or before a certain date certain dates; specifying the terms of the initial
 24 members of the Council; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
 25 relating to the development and adoption of a uniform grant application form,
 26 uniform financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress
 27 reporting requirements.

28 BY adding to

29 Article – State Finance and Procurement

30 Section 2–209 and 2–210

31 Annotated Code of Maryland

32 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

35 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

36 **2–209.**

37 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “COUNCIL” MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT
 38 GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL.

39 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL.

1 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

2 (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR
3 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

4 (II) THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR THE CHIEF
5 PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;

6 (III) THE STATE TREASURER OR THE STATE TREASURER'S
7 DESIGNEE;

8 (IV) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
9 DESIGNEE;

10 (V) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE
11 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

12 (VI) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR THE SECRETARY'S
13 DESIGNEE;

14 (VII) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES OR THE
15 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

16 (VIII) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
17 DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

18 (IX) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
19 DESIGNEE;

20 (X) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE
21 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

22 (XI) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE STATE
23 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

24 (XII) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY
25 ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

26 ~~(IX)~~ (XIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S
27 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
28 DESIGNEE;

29 ~~(X) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE~~
30 ~~PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;~~

1 ~~(XI) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED~~
 2 ~~BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND~~

3 (XIV) THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
 4 COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;

5 (XV) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE
 6 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

7 ~~(XV)~~ (XVI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
 8 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

9 ~~(XVI)~~ (XVII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
 10 MUNICIPAL LEAGUE;

11 ~~(XII)~~ ~~(XVII)~~ (XVIII) FOUR FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF
 12 PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING SERVICES
 13 FUNDED BY STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS AND THAT REFLECT THE SIZE AND
 14 DIVERSITY OF THE NONPROFIT GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY
 15 THE GOVERNOR;

16 ~~(XVIII)~~ (XIX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
 17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

18 ~~(XIX)~~ (XX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE NONPROFIT
 19 ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

20 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
 21 APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH ~~(1)(XII)~~ ~~(1)(XVII)~~ (1)(XVIII) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

22 (II) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

23 (III) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY
 24 THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON JULY 1, 2020.

25 (IV) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE
 26 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

27 (V) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN
 28 SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
 29 AND QUALIFIES.

1 (VI) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR NEGLECT OF
2 DUTY, INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT.

3 (D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR THE
4 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

5 (E) THE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE SHARED
6 BY THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

7 (F) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

8 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
9 COUNCIL; BUT

10 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
11 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12 (G) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

13 (1) ADVISE THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE ~~BOARD OF~~
14 ~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF § ~~2-110~~ 2-210 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

16 (2) MONITOR AND REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE
17 AND THE ~~BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS~~ DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
18 ON THE STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING § ~~2-110~~ 2-210 OF THIS
19 SUBTITLE.

20 2-210.

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

23 ~~(2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.~~

24 ~~(3)~~ (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT
25 APPLICATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-209 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
27 MANAGEMENT.

28 (4) (1) "GRANT" MEANS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT OF FINANCIAL
29 ASSISTANCE BETWEEN A STATE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND A NON-STATE ENTITY
30 THAT IS:

1 **1. USED TO ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP THE**
 2 **PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO TRANSFER ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM THE**
 3 **GRANT-MAKING ENTITY TO THE GRANT RECIPIENT TO CARRY OUT A PUBLIC**
 4 **PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND NOT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OR SERVICES FOR**
 5 **THE DIRECT BENEFIT OR USE OF THE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY; AND**

6 **2. DISTINGUISHED FROM A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**
 7 **IN THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT BETWEEN THE**
 8 **GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND THE GRANT RECIPIENT IN CARRYING OUT THE**
 9 **ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED BY THE AWARD.**

10 **(II) "GRANT" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INSTRUMENT THAT**
 11 **PROVIDES ONLY:**

12 **1. DIRECT GOVERNMENT CASH ASSISTANCE TO AN**
 13 **INDIVIDUAL;**

14 **2. A SUBSIDY;**

15 **3. A LOAN;**

16 **4. A LOAN GUARANTEE;**

17 **5. INSURANCE;**

18 **6. GRANTS MADE BY THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION**
 19 **SYSTEM, THE CAPITAL BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE**
 20 **MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;**

21 **7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS MADE BY THE**
 22 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; OR**

23 **8. ANY STATE FUNDING THAT IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY**
 24 **AND IS CALCULATED THROUGH A FORMULA SET IN STATUTE.**

25 **(4) (5) "GRANT APPLICATION FORM" MEANS A GRANT**
 26 **APPLICATION TEMPLATE AND RELATED MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED**
 27 **BY GRANT APPLICANTS, INCLUDING:**

28 **(I) REQUIRED ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIALS; AND**

29 **(II) PROPOSED BUDGET CATEGORIES AND LINE ITEMS.**

1 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** “UNIFORM GUIDANCE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF
2 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST
3 PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS, 2 C.F.R. PART
4 200.

5 **(B) (1)** ~~THE~~ IN ORDER TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, STREAMLINE AND
6 REDUCE REDUNDANT PROCESSES, REDUCE PAPERWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE
7 BURDENS ON BOTH GRANTING AGENCIES AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, AND FACILITATE
8 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE CENTRALIZED GRANTS
9 MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, THE COUNCIL SHALL STUDY AND
10 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR’S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE ~~BOARD~~
11 DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ENTIRE GRANTS LIFE CYCLE, INCLUDING:

12 **(I)** THE CREATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR USE BY
13 GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES, GRANT APPLICANTS, AND GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE
14 STATE:

15 ~~(I)~~ **1.** A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;

16 ~~(II)~~ **2.** UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING
17 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

18 ~~(III)~~ **3.** UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING
19 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS;

20 **(II)** REGULATIONS ADOPTING EACH PART OF THE UNIFORM
21 GUIDANCE, WITH APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS FOR ITS APPLICATION TO
22 GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING MODIFICATIONS OR
23 VARIANCES BASED ON THE SCOPE OR SIZE OF PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS,
24 GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES, OR GRANTEES;

25 **(III)** RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES AND DEADLINES FOR THE
26 VARIOUS TASKS INCLUDED IN ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

27 **(IV)** RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR USE AND
28 IMPLEMENTATION BY THE VARIOUS GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES OF THE MATERIALS
29 PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

30 **(V)** RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES
31 TO ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
32 PROVISIONS OF PARTS OF UNIFORM GUIDANCE AS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
33 BY REGULATION.

1 (2) IN DEVELOPING MATERIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER
2 THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL:

3 (I) ~~SHALL~~ SOLICIT THE INPUT OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS,
4 INCLUDING GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENTS, GRANT PROFESSIONALS, EXPERTS IN NONPROFIT ACCOUNTING
6 AND AUDITING, AND NONPROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND

7 (II) ~~MAY~~ ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE ~~STAKEHOLDER~~ ISSUE
8 WORKING GROUPS TO, COMPOSED OF STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING DIVERSE
9 BACKGROUNDS APPROPRIATE TO THE CHARGE OF EACH WORKGROUP, AND ALSO
10 REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND THE DIVERSITY OF
11 GRANT PROGRAMS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING ARTS, HISTORY, AND
12 SOCIAL SERVICE, TO PARTICIPATE IN AND FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF
13 DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS.

14 ~~(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR~~
15 ~~BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE BOARD SHALL, BY REGULATION, ADOPT:~~

16 ~~(I) A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;~~

17 ~~(H) UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING~~
18 ~~REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND~~

19 ~~(HH) UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING~~
20 ~~REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.~~

21 ~~(2) THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM, UNIFORM FINANCIAL~~
22 ~~CONTROLS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE~~
23 ~~PROGRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:~~

24 ~~(I) BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL~~
25 ~~DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

26 ~~(H) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE CONSISTENT~~
27 ~~WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND RELATED FORMS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF~~
28 ~~MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.~~

29 ~~(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT~~
30 ~~REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR~~
31 ~~ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.~~

~~(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.~~

~~(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, ANY STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT AWARDS STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS SHALL:~~

~~(I) USE THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;~~

~~(II) REQUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(III) ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.~~

~~(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, EACH STATE AND LOCAL GRANT MAKING AGENCY SHALL ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENTIRETY OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.~~

~~(3) (I) IF A REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION OR OF REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WOULD CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OR POSE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON A GRANT MAKING AGENCY, GRANT APPLICANT, OR GRANT RECIPIENT WHEN APPLIED TO A PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAM, THE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY APPLY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT.~~

~~(II) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING WHICH ENTITIES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERING REQUESTS REGARDING PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS.~~

(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FULL RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS

1 SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE
 2 WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3 ~~(F)~~ (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020, EACH STATE GRANT-MAKING
 4 AGENCY SHALL APPOINT A CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER WHO SHALL:

5 (1) SERVE AS A LIAISON TO THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR'S
 6 GRANTS OFFICE; AND

7 (2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AGENCY'S ~~IMPLEMENTATION OF AND~~
 8 ~~COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED~~ REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION
 9 IN THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

10 ~~(G)~~ (E) THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
 11 ASSISTANCE AND INTERPRETATIONS OF POLICY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO
 12 ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION ~~BY~~
 13 ~~STATE AND LOCAL GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES.~~

14 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act and~~
 15 ~~any regulations adopted under this Act shall supersede any conflicting State regulations~~
 16 ~~regarding requirements for grant applications, financial controls and reporting, or~~
 17 ~~performance progress reporting.~~

18 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31,~~
 19 ~~2021, the Board of Public Works and the Governor's Grants Office shall jointly report to the~~
 20 ~~General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the~~
 21 ~~implementation of this Act.~~

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with § 2-1257
 23 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall:

24 (1) on or before December 31, 2021, report to the General Assembly on the
 25 implementation of this Act, including the timelines and deadlines recommended by the
 26 Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council in accordance with § 2-210(b)(1)(iii) of the
 27 State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

28 (2) on or before December 31 of the calendar years 2022 through 2026,
 29 report to the General Assembly on the progress of the implementation of this Act, including
 30 any recommendations of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

31 SECTION ~~4~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
 32 members appointed to the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by the Governor
 33 shall expire as follows:

34 (1) two members in 2022; and

1 (2) ~~two~~ three members in 2024.

2 SECTION ~~5~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30,
4 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated
5 and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.