

# HOUSE BILL 764

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By: **Delegate Kittleman**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today**  
3 **Program – Established and Mandated Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students  
5 Today Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the State  
6 Department of Education to administer the Program and adopt certain regulations;  
7 requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include a certain  
8 appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Program; defining a certain term; and  
9 generally relating to the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today  
10 Program.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–126  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–126.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE BROADENING OPTIONS AND**  
21 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TODAY PROGRAM.**

22 **(B) (1) THERE IS A BROADENING OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR**  
23 **STUDENTS TODAY PROGRAM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
2 **FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH**  
3 **PROGRAM TO ATTEND A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.**

4           **(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

5           **(C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
6 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**  
7 **\$15,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

8           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
9 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2021.