

HOUSE BILL 752

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By: **Delegates Reilly, Buckel, Griffith, Hornberger, Howard, Kipke, Mangione, McComas, Rose, Szeliga, and Thiam**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – School Psychologist Recruitment Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the School Psychologist Recruitment Program within the
4 State Department of Education; requiring the Program to provide professional
5 development programs and aid for a certain certification fee to school psychologists
6 and individuals seeking to become school psychologists and to reimburse school
7 psychologists for professional conference expenses; and generally relating to the
8 School Psychologist Recruitment Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 6–127

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **6–127.**

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

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 (2) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST RECRUITMENT
2 PROGRAM.

3 (3) “SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
4 CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN A PUBLIC
5 SCHOOL OR STATE-APPROVED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING IN THE STATE.

6 (B) (1) THERE IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
7 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

8 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL
9 SUPPORT TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE STATE AND INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO
10 BECOME SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE STATE.

11 (C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
12 PROGRAMS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE, OR ARE SEEKING TO BECOME, SCHOOL
13 PSYCHOLOGISTS.

14 (2) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY INCLUDE:

15 (I) VIRTUAL COURSES OR WEBINARS;

16 (II) MENTORING OR PEER COLLABORATION PROGRAMS; AND

17 (III) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT MATERIALS.

18 (3) IN PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO SCHOOL
19 PSYCHOLOGISTS, THE PROGRAM SHALL:

20 (I) MAINTAIN A CLEARINGHOUSE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
21 BEST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL
22 PSYCHOLOGISTS; ~~AND~~

23 (II) COMMUNICATE AND PROMOTE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
24 AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS; AND

25 (III) SEEK TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
26 FROM GROUPS HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AMONG PROFESSIONAL
27 PERSONNEL IN THE STATE.

28 (D) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
29 ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
30 SUBSECTION.

1 (2) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SHALL SUBMIT TO THE PROGRAM AN
2 APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE PROGRAM THAT
3 INCLUDES THE SUBMISSION OF:

4 (I) MATERIALS ON THE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND AN
5 EXPLANATION OF ITS RELEVANCE TO THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST'S PROFESSION;
6 AND

7 (II) RECEIPTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF THE EXPENSES
8 FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST REQUESTS TO BE REIMBURSED.

9 (3) SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY, THE PROGRAM SHALL
10 APPROVE AN APPLICANT TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
11 IF:

12 (I) THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND IS RECEIVED NOT
13 LATER THAN 180 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE;

14 (II) THE AMOUNT REQUESTED DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT
15 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION; AND

16 (III) THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
17 REIMBURSEMENT.

18 (E) (1) (I) EACH SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
19 PARAGRAPH, EACH YEAR, THE PROGRAM SHALL SELECT, CONSISTENT WITH THE
20 AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM, A MAXIMUM OF 100
21 INDIVIDUALS TO WHICH THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FOR
22 WHOM THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY THE CERTIFICATION FEE
23 CHARGED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

24 (II) IN SELECTING INDIVIDUALS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
25 PROGRAM SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM GROUPS
26 HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AMONG PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN THE
27 STATE.

28 (2) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE ALL THE
29 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
30 PSYCHOLOGISTS SHALL REIMBURSE THE PROGRAM THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE AID
31 RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

32 (II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
33 PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COMPLETES ALL THE

1 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
2 PSYCHOLOGISTS BUT WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE CERTIFICATION.

3 (3) THE PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE AID TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS
4 SUBSECTION FOR UP TO TWO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL
5 ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

6 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
7 SECTION, INCLUDING:

8 (1) THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THE PROGRAM MAY REIMBURSE UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (2) PROCEDURES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
11 TO THE PROGRAM; AND

12 (3) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF AID UNDER
13 THE PROGRAM.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.