

# HOUSE BILL 752

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HB 1096/21 – W&M

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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.**

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

22 **(3) “SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN A PUBLIC  
2 SCHOOL OR STATE-APPROVED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING IN THE STATE.

3 (B) (1) THERE IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM  
4 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

5 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL  
6 SUPPORT TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE STATE AND INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO  
7 BECOME SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE STATE.

8 (C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
9 PROGRAMS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE, OR ARE SEEKING TO BECOME, SCHOOL  
10 PSYCHOLOGISTS.

11 (2) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY INCLUDE:

12 (I) VIRTUAL COURSES OR WEBINARS;

13 (II) MENTORING OR PEER COLLABORATION PROGRAMS; AND

14 (III) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT MATERIALS.

15 (3) IN PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO SCHOOL  
16 PSYCHOLOGISTS, THE PROGRAM SHALL:

17 (I) MAINTAIN A CLEARINGHOUSE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST  
18 BEST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL  
19 PSYCHOLOGISTS; AND

20 (II) COMMUNICATE AND PROMOTE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES  
21 AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

22 (D) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR  
23 ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
24 SUBSECTION.

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

28 (I) MATERIALS ON THE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND AN  
29 EXPLANATION OF ITS RELEVANCE TO THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST'S PROFESSION;  
30 AND

1                   **(II) RECEIPTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF THE EXPENSES**  
2 **FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST REQUESTS TO BE REIMBURSED.**

3                   **(3) SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY, THE PROGRAM SHALL**  
4 **APPROVE AN APPLICANT TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION**  
5 **IF:**

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

8                   **(II) THE AMOUNT REQUESTED DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT**  
9 **DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION; AND**

10                   **(III) THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A**  
11 **REIMBURSEMENT.**

12                   **(E) (1) EACH YEAR, THE PROGRAM SHALL SELECT, CONSISTENT WITH**  
13 **THE AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM, A MAXIMUM OF**  
14 **100 INDIVIDUALS TO WHICH THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO**  
15 **THE CERTIFICATION FEE CHARGED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL**  
16 **PSYCHOLOGISTS.**

17                   **(2) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE ALL THE**  
18 **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL**  
19 **PSYCHOLOGISTS SHALL REIMBURSE THE PROGRAM THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE AID**  
20 **RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

21                   **(II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**  
22 **PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COMPLETES ALL THE**  
23 **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL**  
24 **PSYCHOLOGISTS BUT WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE CERTIFICATION.**

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

28                   **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
29 **SECTION, INCLUDING:**

30                   **(1) THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THE PROGRAM MAY REIMBURSE UNDER**  
31 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;**

1                   **(2) PROCEDURES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**  
2 **TO THE PROGRAM; AND**

3                   **(3) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF AID UNDER**  
4 **THE PROGRAM.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2022.