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 Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

Senate Bill 798

(Senator Guzzone)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Goodwill Excel Center - Appropriation**

This bill requires the Governor to include an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Goodwill Excel Center in the annual budget bill for fiscal 2024 and 2025. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022, and terminates June 30, 2025.**

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures increase by \$500,000 in FY 2024 and 2025. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation in FY 2024 and 2025.**

| (in dollars)   | FY 2023 | FY 2024     | FY 2025     | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
|----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Revenues       | \$0     | \$0         | \$0         | \$0     | \$0     |
| GF Expenditure | 0       | 500,000     | 500,000     | 0       | 0       |
| Net Effect     | \$0     | (\$500,000) | (\$500,000) | \$0     | \$0     |

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Goodwill Excel Center is a proposed adult high school in Baltimore City for individuals age 21 and over that will be operated by the Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake. The Excel Center will provide an opportunity for individuals to obtain their high school diploma through an accelerated two-year program while simultaneously engaging in job training with an intended goal of increasing participant's

access to higher education, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities. According to the Goodwill Industries, students will attend classes as prescribed by a curriculum approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Remedial and basic high school course work will be balanced with tangible job training and dual credit college level coursework. Students will participate in high quality, deliberate instruction to build basic skills and access the secondary-level instruction that leads to a diploma. The Excel Center model began in 2010 with a single school in Indiana and has expanded to include 31 schools across five states and the District of Columbia.

The proposed fiscal 2023 State budget includes \$1.0 million in funding for the Goodwill Excel Center.

**State Fiscal Effect:** General fund expenditures increase by \$500,000 in fiscal 2024 and 2025.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 1264 (Delegates P. Young and Hornberger) - Ways and Means.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office; Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake; Department of Legislative Services

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