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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures – Increase**
3 **(School Safety Enhancement Act of 2023)**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing certain annual appropriations for certain school safety
5 expenditures beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to
6 appropriations for school safety expenditures.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 7–1508(e) and 7–1512(a) and (b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 7–1508(g) and 7–1512(g)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 7–1508.

21 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 file a report with the Center identifying:

2 (i) The public high schools in the local school system's jurisdiction
3 that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

4 (ii) If a public high school in the local school system's jurisdiction is
5 not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that
6 will be provided to the public high school.

7 (2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year
8 thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with
9 the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

10 (i) The public schools in the local school system's jurisdiction that
11 have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

12 (ii) If a public school in the local school system's jurisdiction is not
13 assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be
14 provided to the public school.

15 (3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center
16 shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and,
17 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

18 (g) (1) **(I) [For] BEGINNING IN** fiscal year 2020 and [each fiscal year
19 thereafter] **ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024**, the Governor shall include in the annual
20 budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund for the purpose of providing grants
21 to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting the
22 requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

23 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
24 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN**
25 **APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE IDENTIFIED IN**
26 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

27 (2) Grants provided under this subsection shall be made to each local
28 school system based on the number of schools in each school system in proportion to the
29 total number of public schools in the State in the prior year.

30 7–1512.

31 (a) There is a Safe Schools Fund.

32 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to local school systems to enhance
33 school safety.

1 (g) [Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least
2 \$10,000,000 of the money in the Fund] **THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS** shall be used to
3 provide grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies as provided under
4 § 7-1508 of this subtitle:

5 (1) **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR**
6 **2024, \$10,000,000; AND**

7 (2) **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
8 **THEREAFTER, \$20,000,000.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2023.