

SENATE BILL 551

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EMERGENCY BILL
ENROLLED BILL

(3lr0132)

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/ Appropriations* —

Introduced by **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Augustine, Beidle, Benson, Carter, Elfreth, Ellis, Feldman, Gile, Jackson, King, Hester, Hettleman, Kagan, Klausmeier, Muse, Rosapepe, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, M. Washington, Watson, and Zucker**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Education – Service Year Option Program – Establishment~~
3 Department of Service and Civic Innovation and Maryland Corps Program
4 Service Year Option Pathways – Established
5 (Serving Every Region Through Vocational Exploration Act of 2023)

6 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Service Year Option Program; requiring the~~
7 ~~Department of Service and Civic Innovation to administer and provide staff for the~~
8 ~~Program; requiring a Program participant to work at least a certain number of hours~~
9 ~~per week and partner with an on-site mentor while working in a service placement;~~
10 ~~requiring a participating employer to pay a Program participant a certain wage;~~
11 ~~authorizing the Department to disburse a stipend of up to a certain amount to a~~
12 ~~Program participant who completes a service placement; requiring a Program~~

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~participant to perform certain duties and participate in certain training and activities as part of a service placement; establishing the Service Year Option Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department to procure the services of a third-party entity to conduct an independent study and assessment of the Program and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to publish an online dashboard of key performance indicators shown in the report; Department of Service and Civic Innovation; providing for the purpose, duties, administration, and staffing of the Department; establishing the Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation and the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary; altering the provisions of the Maryland Corps Program, including requiring the Department to administer the Program, renaming the Board of Directors of the Maryland Corps Program to be the Maryland Corps Program Advisory Board, establishing the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway and the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway as two pathways under the Program, renaming the Maryland Corps Program Fund to be the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway Fund, and specifying the purposes, use, administration, and contents of the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway Fund; establishing the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway Fund; providing for the purposes, use, administration, and contents of the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway Fund; providing for the expiration of the terms of the initial members of the Maryland Corps Program Advisory Board; and generally relating to the establishment of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation and the Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option ~~Program~~ Pathways.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Education~~

~~Section 24-11A-01 through 24-11A-07 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11A- Service Year Option Program”~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2022 Replacement Volume)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 15-106.9

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume)

(As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 9-2801 through 9-2808, the part “Part I. General Provisions”, and the subtitle “Subtitle 28. Department of Service and Civic Innovation”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

1 BY renumbering

2 Article – State Government
3 Section 9–2811 through 9–2820 and the part “Part II. Maryland Corps Program” and
4 9–2823 through 9–2828 and the part “Part III. Governor’s Office on Service
5 and Volunteerism”
6 to be Section 21–201 through 21–210 and the new subtitle “Subtitle 2. Maryland
7 Corps Program” and 21–301 through 21–306 and the new subtitle “Subtitle 3.
8 Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism”, respectively
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
11 (As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

12 BY repealing

13 Article – State Finance and Procurement
14 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)92.
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY renumbering

18 Article – State Finance and Procurement
19 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)93. through 171.
20 to be Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)92. through 170., respectively
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

24 Article – State Government
25 Section 8–201
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
28 (As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

29 BY adding to

30 Article – State Government
31 Section 21–101 through 21–107 to be under the new title “Title 21. Department of
32 Service and Civic Innovation” and the new subtitle “Subtitle 1. General
33 Provisions”; and 21–206 through 21–210
34 Annotated Code of Maryland
35 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

36 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

37 Article – State Government
38 Section 21–201 through 21–203, 21–205, and 21–207 through 21–210
39 Annotated Code of Maryland
40 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
41 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

1 BY repealing

2 Article – State Government
 3 Section 21–204 and 21–206
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
 6 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 9 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 13 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 14 Section ~~6–226(a)(2)(i)170. and 171.~~ 6–226(a)(2)(ii)169. and 170.
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
 17 (As enacted by Section 5 of this Act)

18 BY adding to
 19 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 20 Section ~~6–226(a)(2)(i)172. and 173.~~ 6–226(a)(2)(ii)171. and 172.
 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
 22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 24 That Section(s) 9–2801 through 9–2808, the part “Part I. General Provisions”, and the
 25 subtitle “Subtitle 28. Department of Service and Civic Innovation” of Article – State
 26 Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 9–2811 through
 28 9–2820 and the part “Part II. Maryland Corps Program” of Article – State Government of
 29 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 21–201 through 21–210,
 30 respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 2. Maryland Corps Program”.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 9–2823 through
 32 9–2828 and the part “Part III. Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism” of Article –
 33 State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
 34 21–301 through 21–306, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Governor’s Office on
 35 Service and Volunteerism”.

36 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 6–226(a)(2)(ii)92 of
 37 Article – State Finance and Procurement of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

1 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 6-226(a)(2)(i)93
2 through 171 of Article – State Finance and Procurement of the Annotated Code of Maryland
3 be renumbered to be Section(s) 6-226(a)(2)(i)92 through 170, respectively.

4 SECTION ~~4~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED ~~BY THE GENERAL~~
5 ~~ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND~~, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Education**

7 15-106.9.

8 (a) In this section, “residency requirement” means the requirement of a public
9 senior higher education institution that a student has resided in the State for 12
10 consecutive months to be considered a resident and receive in-State tuition status.

11 (b) For in-State tuition purposes, a public senior higher education institution
12 shall waive the in-State residency requirement for an individual who has completed:

13 (1) All service hours for an AmeriCorps Program in the State; or

14 (2) A service program under the Maryland Corps Program under [Title 9,
15 Subtitle 28] **TITLE 21, SUBTITLE 2** of the State Government Article.

16 (c) A student is responsible for the difference between in-State and out-of-state
17 tuition if the student does not retain residence in the State for the remainder of the school
18 year for which in-State tuition was received.

19 **Article – State Government**

20 8-201.

21 (a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than 21
22 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that Branch.

23 (b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State government
24 are:

25 (1) Aging;

26 (2) Agriculture;

27 (3) Budget and Management;

28 (4) Commerce;

29 (5) Disabilities;

- 1 (6) Emergency Management;
 2 (7) the Environment;
 3 (8) General Services;
 4 (9) Health;
 5 (10) Housing and Community Development;
 6 (11) Human Services;
 7 (12) Information Technology;
 8 (13) Juvenile Services;
 9 (14) Labor;
 10 (15) Natural Resources;
 11 (16) Planning;
 12 (17) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
 13 (18) SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION;
 14 ~~[(18)]~~ **(19)** State Police;
 15 ~~[(19)]~~ **(20)** Transportation; and
 16 ~~[(20)]~~ **(21)** Veterans Affairs.

17 **TITLE 21. DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION.**

18 **SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

19 **21-101.**

20 **(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
 21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(B) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC**
 23 **INNOVATION.**

24 **(C) “SECRETARY” MEANS THE SECRETARY OF SERVICE AND CIVIC**
 25 **INNOVATION.**

1 21-102.

2 (A) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION,
3 ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

4 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROMOTE SERVICE AND
5 VOLUNTEERISM IN THE STATE.

6 21-103.

7 (A) (1) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF SERVICE
8 AND CIVIC INNOVATION, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE
9 ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

10 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED
11 UNDER ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

12 (B) THE SECRETARY IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE
13 COUNCIL.

14 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR
15 AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

16 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL
17 MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING
18 OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THESE MATTERS.

19 (D) (1) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE
21 THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (2) THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH, REORGANIZE, OR ABOLISH
23 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE
24 DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE SECRETARY.

25 (E) THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE
26 BUDGET.

27 21-104.

28 (A) THE SECRETARY MAY EMPLOY A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
29 STATE BUDGET.

1 **(B) THE SECRETARY MAY APPOINT A DEPUTY SECRETARY AND OTHER**
2 **PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANTS AS AUTHORIZED**
3 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

4 **(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL STAFF IN**
5 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS**
6 **ARTICLE.**

7 **21-105.**

8 **(A) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF**
9 **THE SECRETARY AND THE BUDGET FOR EACH UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

10 **(B) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CARRYING**
11 **OUT THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE**
12 **DEPARTMENT.**

13 **(C) THE SECRETARY MAY CREATE ANY ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT THE**
14 **SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND ASSIGN APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS TO IT.**

15 **(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE A SEAL.**

16 **(E) (1) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION AND**
17 **DIRECTION OF ALL PLANNING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY INITIATES.**

18 **(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP FULLY APPRISED OF PLANS,**
19 **PROPOSALS, AND PROJECTS OF EACH UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT AND, EXCEPT AS**
20 **EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE, MAY APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, OR MODIFY ANY**
21 **OF THEM.**

22 **(F) EACH UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY**
23 **AS PROVIDED IN THE RULES, REGULATIONS, OR WRITTEN DIRECTIVES THAT THE**
24 **SECRETARY ADOPTS.**

25 **(G) THE SECRETARY MAY APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND SPEND**
26 **GRANTS-IN-AID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES OR ANY**
27 **OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN**
28 **CARRYING OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OR THE**
29 **DEPARTMENT.**

30 **(H) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW AND §§ 21-205(G) AND**
31 **21-206(E) OF THIS TITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL PAY ALL MONEY COLLECTED BY**
32 **THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS TITLE INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

1 **(I) THE SECRETARY SHALL CARRY OUT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF**
2 **THIS TITLE, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND ANY OTHER**
3 **PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT RELATE TO THE SECRETARY OR THE DEPARTMENT.**

4 **21-106.**

5 **(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL:**

6 **(1) PROMOTE SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE STATE BY**
7 **PARTNERING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND**
8 **NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE; AND**

9 **(2) IDENTIFY, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT INITIATIVES TO INCREASE**
10 **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE STATE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND**
11 **STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES.**

12 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

13 **(1) PROMOTE THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN STATE AND LOCAL**
14 **GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS;**

15 **(2) COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF:**

16 **(I) THE MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF**
17 **THIS TITLE; AND**

18 **(II) THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND**
19 **VOLUNTEERISM;**

20 **(3) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MODEL PROGRAMS FOR A STATEWIDE**
21 **CLEARINGHOUSE, SKILL BANKS, OR INFORMATION CENTERS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND**
22 **PROJECTS IN THE STATE;**

23 **(4) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS**
24 **FOR VOLUNTEERS IN STATE PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND**
25 **SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION EVENTS IN NONPUBLIC PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE**
26 **VISIBILITY AND STATUS OF VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS;**

27 **(5) ADMINISTER:**

28 **(I) THE MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF**
29 **THIS TITLE;**

1 **(II) THE EXECUTIVE FELLOWS PROGRAM UNDER § 21-306 OF**
2 **THIS TITLE; AND**

3 **(III) ANY OTHER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM RECOMMENDED OR**
4 **DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR OR OTHERWISE ESTABLISHED BY LAW;**

5 **(6) LIAISE WITH NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERISM**
6 **GROUPS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE**
7 **RESOURCES THAT MAY ENHANCE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS WITHIN THE STATE;**

8 **(7) CONDUCT STUDIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE**
9 **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING, VOLUNTEER RETENTION, AND**
10 **ACCOUNTABILITY OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS; AND**

11 **(8) PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER**
12 **COUNCIL.**

13 **21-107.**

14 **(A) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LEGAL ADVISER TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

15 **(B) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT THE**
16 **NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE ASSIGNED**
17 **TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL**
18 **NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL.**

19 **(C) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO SHALL DESIGNATE AN ASSISTANT**
20 **ATTORNEY GENERAL AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

21 **Subtitle 2. Maryland Corps Program.**

22 **21-201.**

23 **(a) In this [part] SUBTITLE the following words have the meanings indicated.**

24 **(b) "ADVISORY Board" means the MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM ADVISORY**
25 **Board [of Directors of the Program].**

26 **(c) "Corps participant" means an individual who participates in the Program.**

27 **(D) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC**
28 **INNOVATION.**

1 **(E) “MSY PATHWAY” MEANS THE MARYLAND SERVICE YEAR OPTION**
2 **PATHWAY.**

3 **[(d)] (F) “MSY PATHWAY Fund” means the Maryland [Corps Program]**
4 **SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY Fund.**

5 **[(e)] (G) “Participating organization” means a BUSINESS, nonprofit**
6 **organization, or government agency that:**

7 **(1) has a focus on community or other service, service learning,**
8 **volunteerism, or other activities or experiences with a similar mission;**

9 **(2) hosts a program participant in a service role; and**

10 **(3) complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and**
11 **Title 20, Subtitle 6 of this article.**

12 **[(f)] (H) “Program” means the Maryland Corps Program.**

13 **[(g)] (I) “Wraparound services” includes:**

14 **(1) child care;**

15 **(2) transportation;**

16 **(3) housing;**

17 **(4) [mental] BEHAVIORAL health;**

18 **(5) crisis intervention;**

19 **(6) substance abuse prevention or treatment;**

20 **(7) legal aid;**

21 **(8) financial literacy programming;**

22 **(9) job search and application support; and**

23 **(10) college application support.**

24 **(J) “YA PATHWAY” MEANS THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION**
25 **PATHWAY.**

26 **(K) “YA PATHWAY FUND” MEANS THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR**
27 **OPTION PATHWAY FUND.**

1 21-202.

2 (a) **(1)** There is a Maryland Corps Program in the State administered and
3 managed by the [Board] DEPARTMENT.

4 **(2)** THE PROGRAM HAS TWO PATHWAYS:

5 **(I)** THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY; AND

6 **(II)** THE MARYLAND SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY.

7 (b) **[(1)** Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Program is
8 exempt from Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 **(2)]** The Program is subject to Title 14, Subtitle 3 of the State Finance and
10 Procurement Article.

11 (c) The purpose of the Program is to:

12 (1) provide meaningful service opportunities to CORPS participants that
13 will address the social needs of the community;

14 (2) equip corps participants with the skills that will enable them to
15 successfully make the transition from high school to an institution of higher education or
16 to the workforce; and

17 (3) provide [scholarships] PROGRAM COMPLETION AWARDS to corps
18 participants who have completed the Program [to be used at institutions of higher
19 education toward vocational certificates, associate's degrees, or bachelor's degrees].

20 (d) The Program is subject to review under § 2-1220 of this article.

21 21-203.

22 (a) **[(1)** A Board of Directors shall administer and manage the Program.

23 (2) The Board is a body politic and corporate and is an instrumentality of
24 the State.

25 **(b)] (1)** THERE IS A MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD.

26 **(2)** The ADVISORY Board consists of the following members:

1 [(1)] (I) a Board Chair, [jointly] appointed by the [President of the
2 Senate and the Speaker of the House] GOVERNOR;

3 [(2)] (II) two members jointly appointed by the President of the Senate
4 and the Speaker of the House:

5 [(i)] 1. one of whom must represent a service organization in the
6 State; and

7 [(ii)] 2. one of whom shall be:

8 [1.] A. a current participant in a public service program; or

9 [2.] B. a former participant in a public service program
10 whose participation ended during the preceding 3 years;

11 [(3)] (III) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

12 [(4)] (IV) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

13 [(5)] (V) [two] FOUR members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
14 shall be a representative from the [Governor's Office of Service and Volunteerism]
15 MARYLAND STATE SERVICE COMMISSION.

16 [(c)] (B) In making appointments to the ADVISORY Board, the President,
17 Speaker, and Governor shall consider:

18 (1) the professional or personal experience of the individual in community
19 or other service, nonprofit management, civic engagement, or volunteerism; [and]

20 (2) the cultural, geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the
21 State; AND

22 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL'S EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN WORKFORCE
23 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING REGIONAL WORKFORCE NEEDS, TRAINING, CAREER
24 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING, AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.

25 [(d)] (C) A member of the ADVISORY Board:

26 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the ADVISORY Board;
27 but

28 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
29 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 ~~[(e)] (D)~~ (1) The term of a member of the **ADVISORY** Board is 4 years.

2 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
3 provided for members on June 1, ~~[2022]~~ **2023**.

4 (3) **A MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED BUT MAY NOT SERVE MORE**
5 **THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS.**

6 ~~[(3)] (4)~~ (4) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a
7 successor is appointed and qualifies.

8 ~~[(f)] (E)~~ (1) A member appointed by the President may be removed by the
9 President for the reasons stated in paragraph (5) of this subsection.

10 (2) A member appointed by the Speaker may be removed by the Speaker
11 for the reasons stated in paragraph (5) of this subsection.

12 (3) A member appointed by the Governor may be removed by the Governor
13 for the reasons stated in paragraph (5) of this subsection.

14 (4) The **ADVISORY** Board Chair may be removed ~~[jointly by the President~~
15 and the Speaker] **BY THE GOVERNOR** for the reasons stated in paragraph (5) of this
16 subsection.

17 (5) A member of the **ADVISORY** Board may be removed for:

18 (i) incompetence;

19 (ii) misconduct;

20 (iii) immorality; or

21 (iv) failure to perform the duties of the position.

22 ~~[(g)] (F)~~ **ADVISORY** Board members are subject to the requirements of Title 5
23 of the General Provisions Article.

24 ~~[(h)] (G)~~ (1) The **ADVISORY** Board shall meet at least ~~[once every 2 months]~~
25 **THREE TIMES EACH YEAR.**

26 (2) **ADVISORY** Board meetings are subject to the requirements of Title 3 of
27 the General Provisions Article.

28 **(H) THE ADVISORY BOARD HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND**
29 **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1 **(1) BE A LIAISON WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN:**

2 **(I) SEEKING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND**
3 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION;**

4 **(II) RECRUITING CORPS PARTICIPANTS;**

5 **(III) SEEKING GIFTS OR GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL**
6 **RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM; AND**

7 **(IV) MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CURRENT AND**
8 **FORMER CORPS PARTICIPANTS;**

9 **(2) ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVICE AND**
10 **VOLUNTEERISM;**

11 **(3) PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT,**
12 **IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION, AND EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM;**

13 **(4) PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM-SPONSORED EVENTS; AND**

14 **(5) ANY OTHER DUTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

15 **[21-204.**

16 (a) (1) **The Board shall appoint an Executive Director.**

17 (2) **The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board.**

18 (3) **The Board shall determine the salary of the Executive Director.**

19 (b) (1) **The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the**
20 **Program.**

21 (2) **The Executive Director shall manage the administrative affairs and**
22 **technical activities of the Program in accordance with the policies and procedures that the**
23 **Board establishes.**

24 (c) (1) **The Board may employ a staff in accordance with its budget.**

25 (2) **Staff employed under this section are State employees who:**

26 (i) **are subject to the requirements of Title 5 of the General**
27 **Provisions Article; and**

1 (ii) may participate in the State Retirement and Pension System
 2 under Division II of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.]

3 [21-205.] 21-204.

4 (a) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE PROGRAM.**

5 (B) The [Board] DEPARTMENT is responsible for expanding service opportunities
 6 in the State THROUGH THE PROGRAM with the following goals:

7 (1) creating a strong annual cohort bond of unity for [Program] CORPS
 8 participants from urban, rural, and suburban areas of the State;

9 (2) [subject to subsection (d) of this section,] ensuring all [Marylanders]
 10 INDIVIDUALS have equitable access to participate in the Program regardless of gender,
 11 race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability,
 12 geography, NATIVE LANGUAGE, or protected veteran status;

13 (3) helping [Program] CORPS participants develop the critical job skills
 14 necessary for creating a more equitable society as they serve their communities across the
 15 State, using the lens of environmental, social, racial, and economic justice; and

16 (4) ensuring each district of the State can communicate its unique
 17 community needs and choose the appropriate solutions.

18 (C) (1) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY WITH THE**
 19 **AMERICORPS PROGRAM TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING AND ALLEVIATE THE**
 20 **ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON STATE ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN**
 21 **AMERICORPS PROGRAMMING.**

22 (2) **IN WORKING WITH THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM UNDER**
 23 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FOCUS ON**
 24 **EXPANDING THE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN:**

25 (I) **STATE AND LOCAL PARKS;**

26 (II) **PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SECTORS; AND**

27 (III) **THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR.**

28 (b) (D) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall adopt regulations regarding:

29 (1) selection criteria for regional operating partners with a global view of
 30 the needs of the communities in which the regional operating partner works, who will

1 identify and implement placement priorities FOR EACH PROGRAM PATHWAY in
2 consultation with local community partners to expand capacity and create new service
3 programs as needed;

4 (2) eligibility requirements for participating organizations, classified by
5 the [Board] DEPARTMENT based on the number of service [members] PLACEMENTS the
6 organization's grant will support, as:

7 (i) community employers; or

8 (ii) large-scale employers;

9 (3) prioritizing the placement of [Program] CORPS participants with
10 [large-scale employers] ORGANIZATIONS based on the organization's demonstrated [need
11 for Program] ABILITY TO TRANSITION participants [who will transition] to full-time
12 employment, POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, OR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS
13 following completion of the [Program] SERVICE PLACEMENT;

14 (4) a centralized process to facilitate efficient screening and placement of
15 [Program] CORPS participants INTO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE PLACEMENT OF A
16 PROGRAM PATHWAY as well as effective measurement and evaluation of the CORPS
17 participant's service experience;

18 (5) REASONABLE WORKPLACE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CORPS
19 PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES;

20 [(5)] (6) stipends for CORPS participants, including:

21 (i) monetary payment of at least \$15 per hour OR THE STATE
22 MINIMUM WAGE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER;

23 (II) health insurance [benefits,] BENEFITS and the potential for
24 wraparound services; and

25 [(ii)] (III) requirements for large-scale employers to provide
26 matching funds;

27 [(6)] (7) [an education] A PROGRAM COMPLETION award of \$6,000 for
28 participants that complete at least 9 months of [service,] SERVICE THAT MAY BE
29 AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

30 (I) [which shall be deposited] BY DEPOSIT into a tax-exempt
31 Maryland 529 account established under Title 18, Subtitle 19 of the Education Article and
32 may only be used for qualified higher education expenses, as defined in § 18-1901 of the
33 Education Article; OR

1 **(II) PAYMENT OF A CASH STIPEND;**

2 **[(7)] (8) workforce development training and wraparound services**
3 **provided to [Program] CORPS participants by participating organizations OR STATE**
4 **AGENCIES;**

5 **[(8)] (9) additional training and support services provided to [Program]**
6 **CORPS participants after the completion of the CORPS participant's service;**

7 **[(9)] (10) ongoing evaluation of opportunities to expand service in the**
8 **State to address the State's workforce development needs, including opportunities within**
9 **State agencies for the creation and expansion of service opportunities within the agencies;**
10 **and**

11 **[(10)] (11) ongoing evaluation of the Program to ensure access and**
12 **effectiveness, including:**

13 **(i) demographics of corps participants, including race, ethnicity,**
14 **age, SEX, GENDER, education, and geography;**

15 **(II) WHETHER PROGRAM PATHWAYS ARE FACILITATING ENTRY**
16 **INTO PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE POSITIONS;**

17 **[(ii)] (III) post-Program trajectories of corps participants; and**

18 **[(iii)] (IV) an evaluation of the needs served in the community by the**
19 **Program.**

20 **[(c) The Board may:**

21 **(1) Sue and be sued;**

22 **(2) Adopt a seal;**

23 **(3) Acquire, hold, and dispose of property for its corporate purposes;**

24 **(4) Sell, lease, or otherwise convey, in any manner that the Board considers**
25 **appropriate, any property it owns to accomplish the purposes of this subtitle;**

26 **(5) Enter into contracts and leases and execute any instrument necessary**
27 **or convenient, on the terms and for any corporate purpose that the Board considers**
28 **advisable;**

1 (6) Use any other money available under this subtitle or any grant or
2 money from the State or federal government or any of their units or instrumentalities to
3 accomplish the purposes of this subtitle;

4 (7) Borrow money for a corporate purpose and mortgage or otherwise
5 encumber its property as security for the loan;

6 (8) Accept gifts, contributions, or loans of money, supplies, goods, and
7 services, and accept appropriations, allotments, and loans of money from the State or
8 federal government, a federal corporation, a unit or instrumentality of the federal
9 government, or a political subdivision or instrumentality of the State;

10 (9) Exercise a power usually possessed by a private corporation in
11 performing similar functions unless to do so would conflict with State law; and

12 (10) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly
13 granted by this subtitle.]

14 **21-205.**

15 **(A) (1) THERE IS A YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY IN**
16 **THE PROGRAM.**

17 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION**
18 **PATHWAY IS TO:**

19 **(I) PROVIDE SERVICE PLACEMENTS TO ELIGIBLE YOUNG**
20 **ADULTS AS AN ADDITIONAL OPTION TO IMMEDIATELY PURSUING POSTSECONDARY**
21 **EDUCATION OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING;**

22 **(II) EQUIP CORPS PARTICIPANTS WITH PROFESSIONAL**
23 **DEVELOPMENT, MENTORING, JOB TRAINING, FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS, AND**
24 **OTHER SUPPORTS WHILE WORKING IN HIGH-IMPACT SERVICE PLACEMENTS;**

25 **(III) ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE STATE'S GREATEST**
26 **CHALLENGES BY CHANNELING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MARYLAND CITIZENS**
27 **INTO IMPACTFUL PUBLIC SERVICE; AND**

28 **(IV) STRENGTHEN A PIPELINE OF TALENT INTO STATE AND**
29 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FILL PRESENT AND FUTURE STAFFING NEEDS.**

30 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A SERVICE**
31 **PLACEMENT IN THE YA PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS:**

32 **(1) A MARYLAND RESIDENT ON SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION; AND**

1 **(2) WITHIN 3 YEARS OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR HAVING**
 2 **OBTAINED A SIMILAR LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETION, INCLUDING AN**
 3 **INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS OBTAINED A:**

4 **(I) MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA;**

5 **(II) MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY EXAMINATION; OR**

6 **(III) MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM**
 7 **COMPLETION.**

8 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET TARGETS FOR PARTICIPATION IN**
 9 **THE YA PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:**

10 **(I) 200 CORPS PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF**
 11 **IMPLEMENTATION; AND**

12 **(II) 2,000 CORPS PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF**
 13 **IMPLEMENTATION.**

14 **[(d)] (2) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall prioritize for participation in the**
 15 **[Program] YA PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION:**

16 **(I) individuals historically underrepresented in:**

17 **[(1)] 1. higher education enrollment or completion; or**

18 **[(2)] 2. employment [by]:**

19 **[(i)] A. BY large-scale and community employers; [or]**

20 **[(ii)] B. BY participating organizations; OR**

21 **C. IN PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS THAT REQUIRE**
 22 **LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION; AND**

23 **(II) ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE WRAPAROUND SERVICES**
 24 **TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS.**

25 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP FOCUS AREAS FOR THE YA**
 26 **PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING PRIORITY**
 27 **STATE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES, INCLUDING:**

1 **(1) CLIMATE;**

2 **(2) EDUCATION; AND**

3 **(3) HEALTH.**

4 **(E) A CORPS PARTICIPANT WHO RECEIVES A SERVICE PLACEMENT IN THE**
5 **YA PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:**

6 **(1) PARTICIPATE IN ALL TRAINING RELATED TO THE SERVICE**
7 **PLACEMENT;**

8 **(2) WORK AT LEAST 30 HOURS PER WEEK;**

9 **(3) BE PARTNERED WITH AN ON-SITE MENTOR;**

10 **(4) PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE SERVICE PLACEMENT TO THE**
11 **SATISFACTION OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AND THE DEPARTMENT;**

12 **(5) PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM-WIDE EVENTS;**

13 **(6) BE PAID \$15 PER HOUR OR THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE,**
14 **WHICHEVER IS GREATER, FOR MANDATORY WORK HOURS OR MANDATORY**
15 **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES; AND**

16 **(7) ON COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, BE NOTIFIED OF ALL**
17 **AVAILABLE POST-PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING REGISTERED**
18 **APPRENTICESHIPS.**

19 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY**
20 **OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE YA PATHWAY TO:**

21 **(1) HIGH SCHOOLS AND ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE;**

22 **(2) COMMUNITY AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS;**

23 **(3) FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS; AND**

24 **(4) EMPLOYERS THAT ARE POTENTIAL SERVICE PLACEMENT**
25 **PROVIDERS.**

26 **(G) (1) THERE IS A YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY**
27 **FUND.**

1 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND IS TO:**

2 **(I) PROVIDE STIPENDS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WITH A**
3 **SERVICE PLACEMENT IN THE YA PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION;**

4 **(II) PAY THE COSTS TO ADMINISTER AND PROMOTE THE YA**
5 **PATHWAY UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND**

6 **(III) ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL CORPS**
7 **PROGRAMS UNDER § 21-207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE YA PATHWAY FUND.**

9 **(4) ~~THE~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (9) OF THIS**
10 **SUBSECTION, THE YA PATHWAY FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT**
11 **IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

12 **(5) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE YA PATHWAY**
13 **FUND SEPARATELY AND SHALL INVEST THE MONEY IN THE YA PATHWAY FUND IN**
14 **THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

15 **(II) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND**
16 **SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.**

17 **(6) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL SEPARATELY ACCOUNT FOR EACH**
18 **SOURCE FOR THE YA PATHWAY FUND.**

19 **(7) THE DEPARTMENT:**

20 **(I) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON FOR**
21 **THE YA PATHWAY FUND;**

22 **(II) SHALL USE ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE**
23 **PURPOSES LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

24 **(III) SHALL DEPOSIT WITH THE STATE TREASURER ANY GIFT OR**
25 **GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE YA PATHWAY FUND.**

26 **(8) THE YA PATHWAY FUND CONSISTS OF:**

27 **(I) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE YA PATHWAY FUND UNDER**
28 **THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET;**

1 (II) GIFTS OR GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR
2 THE YA PATHWAY FUND;

3 (III) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND; AND

4 (IV) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED
5 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND.

6 (9) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
7 PARAGRAPH, ANY UNSPENT STATE APPROPRIATION OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND
8 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL
9 YEAR.

10 (II) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2026, ~~ANY~~ ANY
11 UNSPENT PORTION OF THE YA PATHWAY FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR
12 REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE YA
13 PATHWAY FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (10) BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2024, AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL
15 YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YA
16 PATHWAY FUND THAT INCLUDES:

17 (I) AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND
18 EXPENDITURES TO AND FROM THE YA PATHWAY FUND; AND

19 (II) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

20 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CORPS PARTICIPANTS
21 DISAGGREGATED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES;

22 2. THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF THE YA PATHWAY
23 DISAGGREGATED BY THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS;

24 3. CORPS PARTICIPANT TRANSITION AFTER PROGRAM
25 COMPLETION INTO HIGHER EDUCATION, POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, FULL-TIME
26 EMPLOYMENT, REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS, AND ANY OTHER POST-PROGRAM
27 OPPORTUNITY;

28 4. THE NUMBER OF CORPS PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED BY
29 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM;
30 AND

1 **5. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHAT FORMER CORPS**
2 **PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING 1 YEAR, 2 YEARS, AND 5 YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 **(11) THE YA PATHWAY FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF**
5 **LEGISLATIVE AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1220 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

6 **21-206.**

7 **(A) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAY IN THE**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND SERVICE YEAR OPTION**
10 **PATHWAY IS TO:**

11 **(I) EQUIP CORPS PARTICIPANTS WITH PROFESSIONAL**
12 **DEVELOPMENT, MENTORING, JOB TRAINING, FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS, AND**
13 **OTHER SUPPORTS WHILE WORKING IN HIGH-IMPACT SERVICE PLACEMENTS;**

14 **(II) ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE STATE'S GREATEST**
15 **CHALLENGES BY CHANNELING THE TALENTS OF INDIVIDUALS INTO IMPACTFUL**
16 **PUBLIC SERVICE; AND**

17 **(III) STRENGTHEN A PIPELINE OF TALENT INTO STATE AND**
18 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FILL PRESENT AND FUTURE STAFFING NEEDS.**

19 **(B) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A**
20 **PLACEMENT IN THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS**
21 **INTERESTED IN PERFORMING PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE STATE.**

22 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE FOR PARTICIPATION IN**
23 **THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE:**

24 **(I) MARYLAND RESIDENTS; AND**

25 **(II) HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN:**

26 **1. HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT OR COMPLETION;**

27 **OR**

28 **2. EMPLOYMENT BY:**

29 **A. LARGE-SCALE AND COMMUNITY EMPLOYERS; OR**

1 **B. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.**

2 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE FOR PARTICIPATION IN**
3 **THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
4 **WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS.**

5 **(C) A CORPS PARTICIPANT WHO RECEIVES A SERVICE PLACEMENT IN THE**
6 **MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:**

7 **(1) PARTICIPATE IN ALL TRAINING RELATED TO THE SERVICE**
8 **PLACEMENT;**

9 **(2) PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE SERVICE PLACEMENT TO THE**
10 **SATISFACTION OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AND THE DEPARTMENT;**

11 **(3) PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM-WIDE EVENTS AS DETERMINED BY**
12 **THE DEPARTMENT;**

13 **(4) BE PAID \$15 PER HOUR OR THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE,**
14 **WHICHEVER IS GREATER, FOR WORK HOURS OR MANDATORY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES;**
15 **AND**

16 **(5) ON COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, BE NOTIFIED OF ALL**
17 **AVAILABLE POST-PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING REGISTERED**
18 **APPRENTICESHIPS.**

19 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY**
20 **OF THE MSY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES TO:**

21 **(1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AS DEFINED**
22 **IN § 3-207 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;**

23 **(2) COMMUNITY COLLEGES;**

24 **(3) TRADE SCHOOLS;**

25 **(4) FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS;**

26 **(5) YOUTH WHO ARE DISCONNECTED FROM SCHOOL OR WORK; AND**

27 **(6) EMPLOYERS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH POTENTIAL**
28 **SERVICE PLACEMENTS FOR THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION.**

29 **[21-206.**

1 (a) The Board shall act as an intermediary with the AmeriCorps Program to
2 secure federal funding and alleviate the administrative burden on State organizations
3 seeking to participate in AmeriCorps programming.

4 (b) In working with the AmeriCorps Program under subsection (a) of this section,
5 the Board shall focus on expanding the service opportunities in State and local parks and
6 in the public health sector.]

7 [21–207.]

8 [(a)] (E) (1) There is a Maryland [Corps Program] SERVICE YEAR OPTION
9 PATHWAY Fund.

10 [(b)] (2) The purpose of the MSY PATHWAY Fund is to:

11 [(1)] (I) provide stipends to corps participants WITH A SERVICE
12 PLACEMENT IN THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION;

13 [(2)] (II) provide PROGRAM COMPLETION [scholarships] AWARDS to
14 corps participants who have completed the Program [to be used at institutions of higher
15 education in the State toward vocational certificates, associate’s degrees, and bachelor’s
16 degrees];

17 [(3)] (III) cover expenses incurred by the [Board] DEPARTMENT,
18 including expenses incurred to study the potential use of the Program as a workforce
19 development tool in the State;

20 [(4)] (IV) cover expenses incurred to study how alumni of the Program
21 could be better positioned to meet the current and future needs of employers in the State;
22 [and]

23 [(5)] (V) provide funding for the [Program] MSY PATHWAY UNDER
24 THIS SECTION to match gifts or grants received by the [Board] DEPARTMENT for the
25 MSY PATHWAY Fund; AND

26 (VI) ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL CORPS
27 PROGRAMS UNDER § 21–207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

28 [(c)] (3) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall administer the MSY PATHWAY
29 Fund.

30 [(d)] (4) The EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (10) OF THIS
31 SUBSECTION, THE MSY PATHWAY Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not
32 subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 **[(e) (1) (5) (I)]** The State Treasurer shall hold the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund
2 separately and shall invest the money in the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund in the same manner
3 as other State money may be invested.

4 **[(2) (II)]** Any investment earnings of the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund shall be
5 credited to the Fund.

6 **[(f) (6)]** The Comptroller shall *SEPARATELY* account *FOR EACH SOURCE* for
7 the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund.

8 **[(g) (7)]** The [Board] **DEPARTMENT**:

9 **[(1) (I)]** may accept any gift or grant from any person for the **MSY**
10 **PATHWAY** Fund;

11 **[(2) (II)]** shall use any gift or grant that it receives for the reasons stated
12 under [subsection (b) of this section] **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**; and

13 **[(3) (III)]** shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the **MSY**
14 **PATHWAY** Fund with the State Treasurer.

15 **[(h) (8)]** The **MSY PATHWAY** Fund consists of:

16 **[(1) (I)]** money appropriated under [§ 9–2818 of this subtitle]
17 **SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION**;

18 **[(2) (II)]** gifts or grants received by the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** for the
19 **MSY PATHWAY** Fund;

20 **[(3) (III)]** investment earnings of the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund; and

21 **[(4) (IV)]** any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit
22 of the **MSY PATHWAY** Fund.

23 **[(i) (9)]** The **MSY PATHWAY** Fund may be used only [for:

24 **(1)** providing stipends to corps participants;

25 **(2)** providing scholarships to corps participants who have completed the
26 Program to be used at institutions of higher education in the State toward vocational
27 certificates, associate’s degrees, and bachelor’s degrees;

28 **(3)** covering expenses incurred by the Board, including expenses incurred
29 to study the potential use of the Program as a workforce development tool in the State;

1 (4) covering expenses incurred to study how alumni of the Program could
2 be better positioned to meet the current and future needs of employers in the State; and

3 (5) Providing funding for the Program to match gifts or grants received by
4 the Board for the Fund] FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION.

6 [(i)] (10) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
7 PARAGRAPH, ANY UNSPENT STATE APPROPRIATION OF THE MSY PATHWAY FUND
8 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL
9 YEAR.

10 (II) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2026, ~~Any~~ ANY unspent
11 portion of the MSY PATHWAY Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund
12 of the State but shall remain in the MSY PATHWAY Fund to be used for the purposes
13 specified in this subtitle.

14 [(k) (1)] (11) (I) Beginning with fiscal year [2018] 2024, at the end of [the]
15 EACH fiscal year, the [Board] DEPARTMENT shall prepare an annual report of the MSY
16 PATHWAY Fund that includes:

17 1. an accounting of all financial receipts and expenditures to
18 and from the MSY PATHWAY Fund; AND

19 2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

20 A. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CORPS PARTICIPANTS
21 DISAGGREGATED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES;

22 B. THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF THE MSY PATHWAY
23 DISAGGREGATED BY THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS;

24 C. CORPS PARTICIPANT TRANSITION AFTER PROGRAM
25 COMPLETION INTO HIGHER EDUCATION, POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, FULL-TIME
26 EMPLOYMENT, REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS, AND ANY OTHER POST-PROGRAM
27 OPPORTUNITY;

28 D. THE NUMBER OF CORPS PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED BY
29 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM;
30 AND

1 E. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHAT FORMER CORPS
2 PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING 1 YEAR, 2 YEARS, AND 5 YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE
3 PROGRAM.

4 [(2)] (II) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall submit a copy of the report to
5 the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1257 of this article.

6 [(0)] (12) The MSY PATHWAY Fund may be subject to an audit by the
7 Legislative Auditor.

8 [21-208.]

9 [(a)] (F) (1) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an
10 appropriation to the MSY PATHWAY Fund of:

11 [(1)] (I) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

12 [(2)] (II) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

13 [(3)] (III) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and

14 [(4)] (IV) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

15 [(b)] (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that[:

16 (1) appropriations made under [subsection (a) of this section]
17 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION are in addition to any federal funding received for
18 State service or volunteer programming[; and

19 (2) Any federal funding received by the State for service or volunteer
20 programming shall be deposited into the Fund for use by the Program].

21 [(c)] (3) Appropriations made under [subsection (a) of this section]
22 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION and other funding received by the [Board]
23 DEPARTMENT FOR THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION shall be used to:

24 [(1)] (I) provide stipends to corps participants WITH A SERVICE
25 PLACEMENT IN THE MSY PATHWAY UNDER THIS SECTION;

26 [(2)] (II) provide [scholarships] PROGRAM COMPLETION AWARDS to
27 corps participants who have completed the Program [to be used at institutions of higher
28 education in the State toward vocational certificates, associate's degrees, and bachelor's
29 degrees];

1 [(3)] (III) cover expenses incurred by the [Board] DEPARTMENT,
2 including expenses incurred in marketing and recruitment; and

3 [(4)] (IV) cover programmatic expenses to expand service opportunities
4 throughout the State, including[:

5 (i) In partnership with regional operating partners, creating and
6 maintaining an online platform through which individuals and corps participants can
7 search and apply for service opportunities throughout the State;

8 (ii) Expanding] EXPANDING the Chesapeake Conservation Corps
9 Program, as provided under §§ 8–1913 through 8–1924 of the Natural Resources Article[;

10 (iii) creating a Maryland Civilian Climate Corps to conserve and
11 restore State and local parks and engage in other climate or environmental projects;

12 (iv) creating a Maryland Historic Trades Corps to place young adults
13 and young veterans in regionally based work crews tasked with rehabilitation of State
14 historic resources;

15 (v) expanding the Maryland Conservation Corps to engage in
16 projects that manage natural resources and conserve parks; and

17 (vi) Providing staff for the Program].

18 [(d) Marketing and recruitment conducted by the Program under subsection (c)(3)
19 of this section shall prioritize:

20 (1) Historically black colleges and universities, as defined in § 3–207 of the
21 State Finance and Procurement Article;

22 (2) Community colleges;

23 (3) High schools with low rates of matriculation to 2– and 4–year
24 institutions of higher education;

25 (4) Trade schools; and

26 (5) Youth who are disconnected from school or work.]

27 [21–209.] 21–207.

28 (A) (1) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall explore the possibility of:

29 [(1)] (I) accessing federal or other grant funding for the Program; and

1 **[(2)] (II) awarding corps participants with:**

2 **1. academic credit for their service; OR**

3 **2. CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE TOWARD**
4 **TRADE OR VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATION.**

5 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND**
6 **HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY**
7 **EDUCATION, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND ANY OTHER ENTITY**
8 **THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES RELEVANT IN DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF**
9 **IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

10 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE MONEY FROM THE YA PATHWAY FUND**
11 **UNDER § 21-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE MSY PATHWAY FUND UNDER § 21-206**
12 **OF THIS SUBTITLE TO:**

13 **(1) CREATE A MARYLAND CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS TO CONSERVE**
14 **AND RESTORE STATE AND LOCAL PARKS AND ENGAGE IN OTHER CLIMATE OR**
15 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS;**

16 **(2) CREATE A MARYLAND HISTORIC TRADES CORPS TO PLACE**
17 **YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG VETERANS IN REGIONALLY BASED WORK CREWS**
18 **TASKED WITH REHABILITATION OF STATE HISTORIC RESOURCES; AND**

19 **(3) EXPAND THE MARYLAND CONSERVATION CORPS TO ENGAGE IN**
20 **PROJECTS THAT MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVE PARKS.**

21 **21-208.**

22 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT**
23 **WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF**
24 **THE PROGRAM.**

25 **(B) THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION SHALL EVALUATE:**

26 **(1) THE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITIES BEING SERVED BY THE**
27 **PROGRAM;**

28 **(2) THE BENEFITS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETED THE**
29 **PROGRAM, INCLUDING EFFICACY IN TRANSITIONING CORPS PARTICIPANTS TO**
30 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, THE WORKFORCE, OR REGISTERED**
31 **APPRENTICESHIPS;**

1 **(3) THE EFFICACY OF THE PROGRAM'S PROFESSIONAL**
 2 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING, TRAINING, AND MENTORING IN SUPPORTING THE**
 3 **STATE'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS;**

4 **(4) THE PROGRAM DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OVERALL**
 5 **EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERING INTENDED OUTCOMES; AND**

6 **(5) ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAM METRICS DEVELOPED BY THE**
 7 **DEPARTMENT.**

8 **(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A**
 9 **REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
 10 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**
 11 **RESULTS OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
 12 **THIS SECTION.**

13 **(D) BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH**
 14 **AN ONLINE DASHBOARD OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AS DETERMINED IN**
 15 **THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

16 **[21-210.] 21-209.**

17 On or before December 1 each year, the ~~[Board]~~ **DEPARTMENT** shall report to the
 18 **Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of this article, the General Assembly regarding:**

19 (1) the number and amount of stipends awarded under the Program;

20 (2) the **BUSINESSES**, nonprofit **ORGANIZATIONS**, or government agencies
 21 with which corps participants are placed;

22 (3) the institutions, if any, that award academic credit for a corps
 23 participant's service;

24 (4) the number and amount of [scholarships] **PROGRAM COMPLETION**
 25 **AWARDS** awarded under the Program; and

26 (5) [at which] **THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL** institutions **AT**
 27 **WHICH** corps participants use their [scholarships] **PROGRAM COMPLETION AWARDS.**

28 ~~**SUBTITLE 11A. SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM.**~~

29 ~~**24-11A-01.**~~

30 ~~**(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**~~
 31 ~~**INDICATED.**~~

1 ~~(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC~~
2 ~~INNOVATION.~~

3 ~~(C) "FUND" MEANS THE SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM FUND.~~

4 ~~(D) "PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY~~
5 ~~PARTICIPATING AS AN EMPLOYER UNDER THE PROGRAM.~~

6 ~~(E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM.~~

7 ~~(F) "PROGRAM PARTICIPANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:~~

8 ~~(1) HAS RECEIVED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, GED, OR COMPARABLE~~
9 ~~PROOF OF EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL WITHIN 2 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING~~
10 ~~FOR A SERVICE PLACEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM; OR~~

11 ~~(2) QUALIFIES FOR A SERVICE PLACEMENT UNDER ALTERNATIVE~~
12 ~~CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY.~~

13 ~~(G) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF SERVICE AND CIVIC~~
14 ~~INNOVATION.~~

15 ~~(H) "SERVICE PLACEMENT" MEANS THE JOB ASSIGNMENT DESIGNATED TO~~
16 ~~AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

17 ~~24-11A-02.~~

18 ~~(A) THERE IS A SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM IN THE STATE.~~

19 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:~~

20 ~~(1) PROVIDE SERVICE PLACEMENTS TO RECENT HIGH SCHOOL~~
21 ~~GRADUATES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR LEVELS OF EDUCATION AS AN~~
22 ~~ADDITIONAL OPTION TO PURSUING CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING OR~~
23 ~~POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;~~

24 ~~(2) EQUIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH PROFESSIONAL~~
25 ~~DEVELOPMENT, MENTORING, JOB TRAINING, AND OTHER SUPPORT WHILE WORKING~~
26 ~~IN HIGH IMPACT SERVICE PLACEMENTS;~~

27 ~~(3) HELP ADDRESS THE STATE'S GREATEST CHALLENGES BY~~
28 ~~CHANNELING THE NEXT GENERATION INTO PUBLIC IMPACT WORK; AND~~

1 ~~(4) STRENGTHEN A PIPELINE OF TALENT INTO STATE AND LOCAL~~
2 ~~GOVERNMENTS TO FILL PRESENT AND FUTURE STAFFING NEEDS.~~

3 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

4 ~~(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; AND~~

5 ~~(2) PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE~~
6 ~~BUDGET.~~

7 ~~24-11A-03.~~

8 ~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

9 ~~(1) DESIGN THE PROGRAM;~~

10 ~~(2) IDENTIFY AND WORK WITH NONPROFIT ENTITIES WHO MAY~~
11 ~~RECEIVE GRANTS TO SERVE AS REGIONAL PROGRAM LEADERS ACROSS THE STATE;~~

12 ~~(3) CREATE A STATEWIDE NETWORK FOR ALL PROGRAM~~
13 ~~PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THE STATE;~~

14 ~~(4) PROMOTE AND COMMUNICATE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES TO~~
15 ~~HIGH SCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND~~
16 ~~POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS ACROSS THE STATE;~~

17 ~~(5) (I) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CENTRAL APPLICATION~~
18 ~~PROCESS; AND~~

19 ~~(II) ASSIST APPLICANTS WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS;~~

20 ~~(6) BUILD AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE ONLINE~~
21 ~~PORTAL TO MANAGE OPENINGS FOR SERVICE PLACEMENTS;~~

22 ~~(7) IDENTIFY PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS WHO CAN PROVIDE A WIDE~~
23 ~~ARRAY OF BENEFITS, INCLUDING MENTORING AND CAREER AND COLLEGE~~
24 ~~COACHING;~~

25 ~~(8) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SELECT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS~~
26 ~~THAT REFLECT THE GENDER, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE~~
27 ~~STATE; AND~~

28 ~~(9) EVALUATE THE OVERALL OPERATIONS OF THE PROGRAM IN~~
29 ~~COLLABORATION WITH AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET TARGETS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING:~~

~~(1) 200 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION; AND~~

~~(2) 2000 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES, INCLUDING:~~

~~(1) CLIMATE;~~

~~(2) EDUCATION; AND~~

~~(3) HEALTH.~~

~~24-11A-04.~~

~~(A) (1) WHILE WORKING IN A SERVICE PLACEMENT, A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SHALL:~~

~~(I) WORK AT LEAST 30 HOURS PER WEEK; AND~~

~~(II) PARTNER WITH AN ON-SITE MENTOR WHO PROVIDES:~~

~~1. JOB TRAINING;~~

~~2. CAREER AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COUNSELING;~~

~~3. FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS; AND~~

~~4. ANY OTHER SUPPORT NEEDED.~~

~~(2) A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER SHALL PAY A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT \$15 PER HOUR.~~

~~(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE A STIPEND OF UP TO \$3,000 TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WHO COMPLETES A SERVICE PLACEMENT.~~

1 ~~(C) A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SHALL:~~

2 ~~(1) PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE SERVICE PLACEMENT TO THE~~
3 ~~SATISFACTION OF THE PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER AND THE DEPARTMENT;~~

4 ~~(2) PARTICIPATE IN ALL TRAINING RELATED TO THE SERVICE~~
5 ~~PLACEMENT AND FUTURE CAREERS OR EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS; AND~~

6 ~~(3) PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM WIDE EVENTS TO:~~

7 ~~(I) EXPAND THE PARTICIPANT'S PROFESSIONAL NETWORK;~~

8 ~~(II) MAKE CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE PROGRAM; AND~~

9 ~~(III) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STATE RESOURCES.~~

10 ~~(D) AS NEEDED, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE A PRORATED STIPEND~~
11 ~~AMOUNT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.~~

12 ~~24-11A-05.~~

13 ~~(A) THERE IS A SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM FUND.~~

14 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO:~~

15 ~~(1) PROVIDE STIPENDS TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; AND~~

16 ~~(2) PAY THE COSTS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.~~

17 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.~~

18 ~~(D) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT~~
19 ~~TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

20 ~~(E) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY~~
21 ~~AND SHALL INVEST THE MONEY IN THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER~~
22 ~~STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.~~

23 ~~(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED~~
24 ~~TO THE FUND.~~

25 ~~(F) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.~~

26 ~~(G) THE DEPARTMENT.~~

1 ~~(1) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON FOR THE~~
2 ~~FUND;~~

3 ~~(2) SHALL USE ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE~~
4 ~~PURPOSES LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

5 ~~(3) SHALL DEPOSIT WITH THE STATE TREASURER ANY GIFT OR~~
6 ~~GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE FUND.~~

7 ~~(H) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:~~

8 ~~(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE~~
9 ~~BUDGET;~~

10 ~~(2) GIFTS OR GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE~~
11 ~~FUND;~~

12 ~~(3) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND~~

13 ~~(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR~~
14 ~~THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.~~

15 ~~(I) ANY UNSPENT PORTION OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR~~
16 ~~REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND~~
17 ~~TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE.~~

18 ~~(J) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE~~
19 ~~AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

20 ~~24-11A-06.~~

21 ~~(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROCURE THE SERVICES OF A~~
22 ~~THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT STUDY AND ASSESSMENT OF~~
23 ~~THE PROGRAM.~~

24 ~~(2) THE STUDY SHALL EMPLOY:~~

25 ~~(I) RANDOM ASSIGNMENT, IF FEASIBLE AND ETHICAL; OR~~

26 ~~(II) OTHER RESEARCH METHODS THAT ALLOW FOR THE~~
27 ~~STRONGEST POSSIBLE CAUSAL INFERENCES, IF RANDOM ASSIGNMENT IS NOT~~
28 ~~FEASIBLE AND ETHICAL IN THIS INSTANCE.~~

~~(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE THIRD PARTY ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~

~~(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH AN ONLINE DASHBOARD OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS SHOWN IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~24-11A-07.~~

~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING REGULATIONS ON:~~

~~(1) THE APPLICATION PROCESS;~~

~~(2) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS;~~

~~(3) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; AND~~

~~(4) THE DISBURSEMENT OF STIPENDS.~~

Article – State Finance and Procurement

6-226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

~~170.~~ 169. the Cannabis Public Health Fund; [and]

~~171.~~ 170. the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund;

~~AND~~

~~172.~~ 171. THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM PATHWAY FUND; AND

1 173. 172. THE MARYLAND SERVICE YEAR OPTION
2 PATHWAY FUND.

3 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July~~
4 ~~1, 2023.~~

5 SECTION 5. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
6 members of the Maryland Corps Program Advisory Board under § 21–203 of the State
7 Government Article, as enacted by Section 4 of this Act, shall expire as follows:

8 (1) the terms of the one member appointed by the President of the Senate,
9 the one member appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members appointed by
10 the Governor shall expire on June 30, 2025; and

11 (2) the terms of the chair of the Advisory Board, the two members jointly
12 appointed by the President and the Speaker, and two members appointed by the Governor
13 shall expire on June 30, 2026.

14 SECTION 6. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
16 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
17 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
18 enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.