

HOUSE BILL 772

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By: **Delegate Roberson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students –**
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of directing county boards of education to provide certain funding to local
5 workforce development boards to support the Career Counseling Program for Middle
6 and High School Students; altering a certain reporting requirement of local
7 workforce development boards; requiring the Accountability and Implementation
8 Board to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effectiveness of
9 the Program; and generally relating to the Career Counseling Program for Middle
10 and High School Students.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 5–213(a) and (b) and 7–127(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 5–213(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – Education

5–213.

(a) Each fiscal year, the State shall distribute the State share of the foundation program to each county board.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, each fiscal year, the county board shall distribute to each school the minimum school funding amount for the foundation program calculated under § 5–234 of this subtitle.

(c) (1) Each county board shall distribute to the local workforce development board for the county the following amount multiplied by the enrollment count in the county:

(i) For fiscal year 2024, \$62; and

(ii) For ~~[each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026]~~ ~~FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~ **FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2028**, the prior fiscal year amount increased by the inflation adjustment.

(2) The funds distributed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used to support the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students established under ~~[§ 7–126]~~ **§ 7–127** of this article that is provided collaboratively by the workforce development board, the school, any other relevant State or local agencies, and employers.

(3) On or before June 30, 2024, and ~~in each of the next 4 fiscal years]~~ ~~EACH JUNE 30 THEREAFTER~~, the local workforce development board, in collaboration with the county board and any other relevant State or local agencies, shall report to the Accountability and Implementation Board established under Subtitle 4 of this title on the use of the funds and the impact of the funds on providing career counseling.

(4) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER:

(I) CAREER COUNSELING SERVICES HAVE ADEQUATELY PREPARED STUDENTS FOR POST-COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PATHWAYS;

(II) STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED HIGH-QUALITY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM; AND

1 **(III) THE PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN STUDENTS EMBARKING**
2 **ON SATISFACTORY CAREER PATHS AFTER COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL.**

3 7–127.

4 (b) (1) There is a Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School
5 Students.

6 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide each middle school and high
7 school student in the county with individualized career counseling services.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.