

SENATE BILL 506

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By: **Senator Henson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Use of Reimbursement Funds by**
3 **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring elementary schools, secondary schools, and county school
5 systems to use certain funds received for services provided under the Maryland
6 Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children’s Health Insurance Program
7 to provide certain positions, internships, and stipends; and generally relating to the
8 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health
9 Insurance Program reimbursement funds to schools.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 5–244
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **5–244.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “PROVIDER” MEANS A SCHOOL AUDIOLOGIST, SCHOOL**
22 **PSYCHOLOGIST, SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, AND ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE**
23 **PRACTITIONER WHO PROVIDES SERVICES TO A STUDENT IN A SCHOOL SETTING.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS” MEANS FUNDS RECEIVED BY AN**
2 **ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR A COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, FOR**
3 **SERVICES PROVIDED IN A SCHOOL SETTING TO AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE**
4 **MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE MARYLAND CHILDREN’S**
5 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

6 **(B) AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL OR A COUNTY SCHOOL**
7 **SYSTEM SHALL USE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE:**

8 **(1) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR PROVIDERS;**

9 **(2) PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING TO BECOME**
10 **PROVIDERS;**

11 **(3) STIPENDS FOR PROVIDERS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS**
12 **PROBLEMS IN PROVIDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION; AND**

13 **(4) STIPENDS FOR PROVIDERS WORKING IN LOW-PERFORMING**
14 **SCHOOLS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN PROVIDER RECRUITMENT**
15 **AND RETENTION.**

16 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
17 **SECTION.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2025.