

HOUSE BILL 1333

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes**
Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2013
Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program – Family Literacy Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish the
4 Family Literacy Pilot Program in the Department of Human Resources; limiting
5 the Program to a certain number of recipients; requiring the Secretary to
6 cooperate with local directors of social services and to consult with the
7 Maryland State Department of Education and certain adult literacy providers
8 regarding the establishment of the Program; establishing the purpose of the
9 Program; providing for the components of the Program, including the
10 implementation of certain policies and procedures in certain local departments
11 that increase adult and family participation in certain programs; requiring the
12 Program to target certain parents or caregivers in certain schools; providing a
13 certain bonus to certain FIP recipients who complete certain programs;
14 requiring the Secretary to submit a certain annual report to the Senate Finance
15 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee; providing for the contents
16 of the annual report; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of
17 this Act; and generally relating to the Family Literacy Pilot Program and the
18 Family Investment Program.

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Human Services
21 Section 5–318.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Human Services**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **5-318.1.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE FAMILY LITERACY
3 PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

4 (B) (1) IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL DIRECTORS, AND IN
5 CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
6 AND COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT LITERACY PROVIDERS, THE SECRETARY SHALL
7 ESTABLISH A FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO EQUIP FIP ELIGIBLE
9 PARENTS RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE WITH THE SKILLS AND
10 TOOLS TO ENGAGE THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN LITERACY-BASED
11 ACTIVITIES, WITH THE GOAL OF ULTIMATELY IMPROVING PARENTS' ECONOMIC
12 CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHILDREN'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

13 (3) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO 500 FIP RECIPIENTS IN
14 BALTIMORE CITY AND ONE OTHER COUNTY.

15 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE FIP REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS UNDER
16 § 5-309(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PROGRAM SHALL:

17 (1) IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN LOCAL
18 DEPARTMENTS TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED ADULT AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION
19 IN PROGRAMS, INCLUDING, OR SIMILAR TO, INCENTIVE-BASED ADULT
20 LITERACY PROGRAMS AND THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
21 EDUCATION'S EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM; AND

22 (2) TARGET PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS
23 WITH DOCUMENTED LOW PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND HIGH TRUANCY.

24 (D) A FIP RECIPIENT WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A FAMILY
25 LITERACY PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE
26 PROVIDED WITH A \$500 BONUS.

27 (E) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE SENATE
28 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE
30 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

31 (1) THE NUMBER OF FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
32 FOR FIP RECIPIENTS;

1 **(2) THE NUMBER OF FIP RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE**
2 **PROGRAM;**

3 **(3) THE NUMBER OF FIP RECIPIENTS SUCCESSFULLY**
4 **COMPLETING THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF BONUSES PAID; AND**

5 **(4) FACTORS THAT AFFECT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
8 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
9 abrogated and of no further force and effect.