

# HOUSE BILL 15

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By: **Delegates McDermott and Smigiel**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Public School Facilities Security Improvements Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Public School Facilities Security Improvements Program; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Interagency Committee to develop certain procedures to provide certain grants to improve security in public school facilities; authorizing a county board to apply to the Interagency Committee for certain grants to improve security in public school facilities; authorizing the Interagency Committee to award certain grants to improve security in public school facilities under certain circumstances; requiring the Interagency Committee to adopt certain procedures; requiring the Governor to provide in a certain fiscal year a certain amount of money in the State budget for the Program; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Public School Facilities Security Improvements Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5–313

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Education**

**5–313.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

**(2) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.**

**(3) “SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS” MEANS IMPROVEMENTS TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY THAT ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING:**

**(I) CONTROLLED ACCESS THAT ALLOWS SCHOOL STAFF TO SCREEN VISITORS BEFORE ALLOWING VISITORS TO ENTER THE BUILDING;**

**(II) BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS; AND**

**(III) METAL DETECTORS.**

**(B) THERE IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE STATE.**

**(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

**(D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL:**

**(1) PROVIDE GRANTS FROM STATE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR THE PROGRAM TO COUNTY BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE STATE; AND**

**(2) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR A COUNTY BOARD TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

**(E) (1) A COUNTY BOARD MAY APPLY TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR A GRANT TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.**

**(2) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MAY AWARD A GRANT TO A COUNTY BOARD TO COVER UP TO 50% OF THE COSTS TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IF:**

**(I) THE COUNTY BOARD PROVIDES FUNDS TO MATCH THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD; AND**

**(II) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES THE GRANT AWARD.**

**(3) A COUNTY BOARD MAY BE AWARDED MULTIPLE GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

**(F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE \$1,000,000 IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016, WHICH MAY BE USED ONLY TO AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2020.**

**(G) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.