

HOUSE BILL 855

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By: **Delegates Knotts, Clippinger, Fennell, Jackson, and Korman**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Explorer Program – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Law Enforcement Explorer Program Fund as a special,
4 nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive
5 Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the
6 Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account
7 for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor, each fiscal
8 year, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the
9 Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the
10 investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Executive
11 Director to establish a certain application procedure; requiring a local law
12 enforcement agency that makes a certain application to provide the Executive
13 Director with certain information; requiring the Executive Director to make certain
14 grants to certain local law enforcement agencies in a certain manner; requiring local
15 law enforcement agencies to submit certain proof to the Executive Director;
16 providing that money distributed for a law enforcement explorer program is to
17 supplement and not supplant any other funding; requiring the Executive Director to
18 report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms;
19 and generally relating to funding for law enforcement explorer programs.

20 BY adding to

21 Article – Public Safety

22 Section 4–601 through 4–604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Law
23 Enforcement Explorer Program Fund”

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

28 **Article – Public Safety**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 6. LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM FUND.**

2 **4-601.**

3 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
4 **INDICATED.**

5 **(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
6 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

7 **(C) “FUND” MEANS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM FUND.**

8 **(D) “LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:**

9 **(1) IS ESTABLISHED AND SPONSORED BY A LOCAL LAW**
10 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;**

11 **(2) IS CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING**
12 **COMMITTEE; AND**

13 **(3) PROVIDES AN INTRODUCTION TO A CAREER IN LAW**
14 **ENFORCEMENT.**

15 **(E) “LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS THE POLICE**
16 **DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE.**

17 **4-602.**

18 **(A) THERE IS A LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM FUND.**

19 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
20 **AGENCIES IN ESTABLISHING LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAMS TO GIVE**
21 **YOUNG ADULTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN THE FIELD**
22 **OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

23 **(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

24 **(D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
25 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

1 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY**
2 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH**
3 **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

4 **(E) (1) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

5 **(I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE**
6 **FUND;**

7 **(II) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

8 **(III) MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE**
9 **BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

10 **(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
11 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
12 **TO THE FUND OF \$400,000.**

13 **(F) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO MAKE GRANTS AS PROVIDED**
14 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

15 **(2) THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

16 **(G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**
17 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

18 **(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO**
19 **THE FUND.**

20 **4-603.**

21 **(A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR**
22 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR MONEY FROM THE FUND.**

23 **(B) A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT APPLIES FOR MONEY FROM**
24 **THE FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH:**

25 **(1) THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAW**
26 **ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM;**

27 **(2) THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**
28 **EXPLORER PROGRAM;**

1 **(3) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LAW**
2 **ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM; AND**

3 **(4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
4 **CONSIDERS NECESSARY.**

5 **(C) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE GRANTS FROM THE**
6 **FUND TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT**
7 **EXPLORER PROGRAMS.**

8 **(2) THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO THE**
9 **NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT APPLY FOR MONEY FROM THE**
10 **FUND.**

11 **(D) THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**
12 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROOF OF EXPENDITURES OF THE GRANT FOR THE LAW**
13 **ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM.**

14 **(E) MONEY DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE USED TO**
15 **SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, ANY OTHER FUNDING FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
16 **EXPLORER PROGRAM.**

17 **4-604.**

18 **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
19 **SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**
20 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF**
21 **MONEY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June**
23 **1, 2015.**