

# HOUSE BILL 722

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment**  
3 **Growth or Relocatable Classrooms – Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the  
5 Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program  
6 for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable  
7 Classrooms each fiscal year; altering a certain reporting date; and generally relating  
8 to funding for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant  
9 Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 5–313  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Economic Development  
17 Section 10–645(l)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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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.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 5–313.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) “Program” means the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems  
7 With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

8 (3) “Significant enrollment growth” means full–time equivalent enrollment  
9 growth in a local school system that has exceeded 150% of the statewide average over the  
10 past 5 years.

11 (4) “Significant number of relocatable classrooms” means an average of  
12 more than 300 relocatable classrooms in a local school system over the past 5 years.

13 (b) (1) There is a Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With  
14 Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

15 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants for public school  
16 construction in local school systems that are experiencing significant enrollment growth or  
17 a significant number of relocatable classrooms.

18 (c) (1) The Program shall be implemented and administered by the  
19 Interagency Committee on School Construction in accordance with this section.

20 (2) Grants awarded by the Interagency Committee under the Program:

21 (i) Shall be matched by local funds equal to the required local  
22 cost–share established in accordance with § 5–301(d)(3) of this subtitle; and

23 (ii) Shall be approved by the Board of Public Works.

24 (d) The Interagency Committee shall:

25 (1) Provide grants from State funds dedicated for the Program to county  
26 boards for public school construction in local school systems that are experiencing  
27 significant enrollment growth or a significant number of relocatable classrooms;

28 (2) Develop a procedure for a county board to apply for a grant under the  
29 Program;

1 (3) Develop eligibility requirements for a county board to receive a grant  
 2 under the Program, including a requirement for a county board to provide funds to match  
 3 a grant award; and

4 (4) Develop a process to allocate grant awards under the Program that  
 5 allocate funds based on each eligible county board's proportionate share of the total  
 6 full-time equivalent enrollment of the county boards that are eligible to participate in the  
 7 Program.

8 (e) [Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, in] **IN** addition  
 9 to the annual amount otherwise provided in the capital improvement program of the Public  
 10 School Construction Program, the Governor **ANNUALLY** shall provide [an additional  
 11 \$20,000,000 annually] **AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS FOLLOWS** in the capital  
 12 improvement program of the Public School Construction Program that may be used only to  
 13 award grants under the Program:

14 **(1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, \$20,000,000; AND**

15 **(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**  
 16 **\$40,000,000.**

17 (f) The State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to and is not  
 18 intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for public school  
 19 construction purposes to a county board from any other source.

20 (g) The Interagency Committee shall adopt procedures necessary to implement  
 21 this section.

## 22 Article – Economic Development

23 10-645.

24 (1) On October 1, 2013, and each [October 1] **JANUARY 15** thereafter, the  
 25 Authority, Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, and the  
 26 Interagency Committee on School Construction jointly shall report to the Governor, the  
 27 Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
 28 the fiscal committees of the General Assembly, on the progress of replacements,  
 29 renovations, and maintenance of Baltimore City public school facilities, including actions:

30 (1) taken during the previous fiscal year; and

31 (2) planned for the current fiscal year.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
 33 1, 2016.