

Chapter 470

(Senate Bill 1126)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Linking Youth to New Experiences (LYNX) High School – Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Linking Youth to New Experiences (LYNX) High School ~~pilot program~~ at a certain high school in Frederick County; providing that the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ is a public school under the authority and supervision of the Frederick County Board of Education and the Frederick County Superintendent of Schools; providing for the purpose of the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~; requiring the County Superintendent, on or before a certain date, to develop and submit to the ~~State Board of Education for review~~ county board of education for approval a certain plan that describes certain items; requiring the county board to approve the plan on or before a certain date; requiring the County Superintendent to submit a certain plan to the State Board of Education for review; requiring the ~~State Board~~ county board to consult with the County Superintendent after a certain plan is received to ensure that the plan meets certain requirements; requiring the State Board to grant the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ a waiver from certain regulations within a certain period of time in accordance with certain provisions of law and regulation subject to certain exceptions; exempting the LYNX High School pilot program from certain provisions of law relating to student assessments prohibiting the State Board from granting certain waivers; requiring certain elements of certain waivers to be subject to certain provisions of law; requiring, after the granting of a certain waivers *waiver*, the State Board and the County Superintendent to meet with representatives of the ~~Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Division of Labor and Industry in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation regarding certain items~~ the development and implementation of apprenticeship experiences for certain students; authorizing the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ to apply for and accept donations, grants, or other financial assistance from certain entities; requiring the County Superintendent to conduct an evaluation of the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ each year; requiring the County Superintendent to submit to the State Board a certain fiscal year evaluation report on or before a certain date each year; authorizing the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ to continue to operate until the County Superintendent sends the State Board a certain notice; requiring the County Superintendent to submit a certain plan and a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the LYNX High School ~~pilot program~~ in Frederick County.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7-1701 through 7-1705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. LYNX High School ~~Pilot Program~~”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 17. LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM.~~

7-1701.

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

(B) “COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT” MEANS THE FREDERICK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

(C) “LYNX HIGH SCHOOL” MEANS A LINKING YOUTH TO NEW EXPERIENCES HIGH SCHOOL.

7-1702.

(A) (1) THERE IS A LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ AT FREDERICK HIGH SCHOOL IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(2) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE FREDERICK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ ARE TO:

(1) PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED, SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY STUDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PERSONAL PLAN FOR SUCCESS THAT IS DEVELOPED BY EACH STUDENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ADVOCATES AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND IS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT;

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STUDENT’S PERSONAL PLAN FOR SUCCESS, ALLOW THE STUDENT TO SELECT ACADEMIC COURSE WORK, THE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION, AND THE PACE OF LEARNING THAT WORKS BEST FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT; AND

(3) ALLOW THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND MOVE BETWEEN PROJECT-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LEVELS AND WORK, INTERNSHIP, OR APPRENTICESHIP EXPERIENCES FOCUSED ON COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE STUDENT'S CURRICULUM.

7-1703.

(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND NONCERTIFICATED PERSONNEL IN THE SCHOOL AND THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES FOR TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS, AND NONCERTIFICATED PERSONNEL, AND SUBMIT TO THE ~~STATE BOARD~~ COUNTY BOARD FOR ~~REVIEW~~ APPROVAL A PLAN THAT DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, PROPOSED CURRICULUM, EVALUATION PROCEDURES, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, AND STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION FOR STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~.

(2) THE PLAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL DESCRIBE:

(I) HOW COURSE CREDITS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CLASSROOM ACADEMIC COURSE WORK AND OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES;

(II) HOW STUDENTS MAY EARN CREDITS OTHER THAN THROUGH CLASSROOM ACADEMIC COURSE WORK;

(III) HOW THE CURRICULUM WILL HOLD EACH STUDENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARYLAND COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY STANDARDS;

(IV) HOW STUDENTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON THE MARYLAND COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY STANDARDS;

(V) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~;

~~(VI) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE USE OF INSTRUCTORS FROM INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTORS FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR;~~

~~(VII)~~ (VI) THE USE OF ONLINE COURSES AND OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND A PROPOSED METHOD OF APPROVING ONLINE COURSES THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS AND PACE OF THE CURRICULUM; AND

~~(VIII)~~ (VII) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2016, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD HAS APPROVED THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

(B) ON RECEIPT OF THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ~~STATE BOARD~~ COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS IN:

(1) IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~; AND

(2) AS IT RELATES TO WORKING CONDITIONS, COMPLIANT WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND ANY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLES 4 AND 5 OF TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) (1) ~~WITHIN~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DAY OF RECEIPT OF THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2-205 OF THIS ARTICLE ~~AND REGULATION~~ TO GRANT WAIVERS FROM REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD, THE STATE BOARD SHALL GRANT THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ A WAIVER FROM ~~THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:~~

~~(1) ENROLLMENT AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.03.02.03;~~

~~(2) OTHER PROVISIONS FOR EARNING CREDIT IN COMAR 13A.03.02.04;~~

~~(3) PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS LEADING TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN COMAR 13A.03.02.11;~~

~~(4) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.12.01 AND 13A.12.02;~~

~~(5) MANDATED SCHOOL DAYS AND SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.03.02.12;~~

~~(6) ONLINE COURSE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.04.15.04; AND~~

~~(7) ANY OTHER ANY REGULATION THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE PLAN APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD COUNTY BOARD.~~

(2) A WAIVER REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE GRANTED RELATED TO:

(I) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.12.01 OR 13A.12.02;

(II) MANDATORY SCHOOL DAYS AND SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.03.02.12; OR

(III) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS IN COMAR 13A.03.02.06.

(3) A WAIVER GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT RELATES TO WORKING CONDITIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SUBTITLES 4 AND 5 OF TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~(D) FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-205.1(B) OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(E) (D) AFTER THE GRANTING OF WAIVERS A WAIVER FROM ITS REGULATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD AND THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE DIVISION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION REGARDING:~~

~~(1) THE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF APPRENTICESHIP EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM; AND~~

~~(2) THE WAIVER OF REGULATIONS UNDER COMAR 09.12.43.~~

7-1704.

THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ MAY APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT DONATIONS, GRANTS, OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR ANY NONPROFIT OR OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

7-1705.

(A) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ EACH YEAR.

(B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AN EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR THAT INCLUDES:

(1) THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER PROGRESS OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~;

(2) THE LEVEL OF SATISFACTION OF THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND ADVOCATES WITH THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~; AND

(3) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~'S SCHOOL'S FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT.

(C) THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNTIL THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SENDS TO THE STATE BOARD A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THE LYNX HIGH SCHOOL ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before September 30, 2016, the Frederick County Superintendent of Schools shall submit the plan required under this Act, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before June 30, 2019, the Frederick County Superintendent of Schools shall submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means a report that includes:

(1) the academic and career progress of each student enrolled in the LYNX High School as compared to other students in Frederick County including assessment results;

(2) the level of satisfaction of the students, teachers, parents or guardians, and advocates with the LYNX High School; and

(3) the LYNX High School's fiscal year financial report for each of the preceding years.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.