

Chapter 637

(House Bill 983)

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Food Recovery Programs – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to develop and implement a certain food recovery program for schools under the jurisdiction of the county board; authorizing a county board, if it exercises certain authority, to apply for recognition of its food recovery program under any food recovery certification program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to food recovery in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–132

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

4–132.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FOOD RECOVERY” MEANS THE REDUCTION OF FOOD WASTE THROUGH THE DONATION OF LEFTOVER OR EXCESS FOOD TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK OR ANY OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

(C) IF A COUNTY BOARD EXERCISES THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY APPLY FOR RECOGNITION OF ITS FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM UNDER ANY FOOD RECOVERY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.