

# HOUSE BILL 10

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By: **Delegate Walker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery – Unclaimed Prizes – Public Prekindergarten Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency,  
4 at the end of each fiscal year, to remit money in the unclaimed State lottery prize  
5 fund to the Comptroller for distribution to each county board of education in the  
6 State in a certain manner; requiring that a county board of education use  
7 distributions from the fund for public prekindergarten programs; providing that a  
8 distribution from the fund is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place  
9 of certain funding; and generally relating to the distribution of unclaimed State  
10 lottery prizes.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 9–122(f)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 9–122.

20 (f) (1) A prize winner shall claim a prize within 182 days after the drawing in  
21 which the prize is won.

22 (2) **(I)** Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the  
23 Director shall keep an unclaimed prize:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                    [(i)] 1.     for 182 days after the drawing in which the prize is won,  
2 for payment of the winner; and

3                    [(ii)] 2.     then in an unclaimed prize fund [for use for other prizes].

4                    (II)    AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
5 REMIT ANY UNCLAIMED PRIZE MONEY IN THE UNCLAIMED PRIZE FUND TO THE  
6 COMPTROLLER TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN  
7 THE STATE ON A PRO RATA BASIS DETERMINED BY THE TOTAL LOTTERY SALES  
8 MADE IN EACH COUNTY.

9                    (III) 1.     A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES  
10 FUNDS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL USE THE FUNDS FOR  
11 THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

12                    2.     A DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
13 PARAGRAPH IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF  
14 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE  
15 LAW FOR PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.

16                    (3)     For a game that the Agency designates as a bonus game or drawing and  
17 that is not a daily or weekly State lottery drawing, the period for claiming a prize may differ  
18 from the period set in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

19                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2018.