

HOUSE BILL 1459

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund – Uses**
3 **and Funding Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring funds in the Calvert County Youth Recreational
5 Opportunities Fund first to be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Calvert
6 County Board of County Commissioners to adopt a certain plan after the
7 development of Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park is complete; making
8 permanent the funding for the Fund from certain revenue beginning in a certain
9 fiscal year; requiring the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, on or
10 before a certain date and annually thereafter, to report on certain matters to certain
11 delegations of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the uses of and
12 funding for the Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Natural Resources
15 Section 5–1901
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Tax – General
20 Section 2–202(b)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Natural Resources**

26 5–1901.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Calvert County Youth Recreational
2 Opportunities Fund.

3 (b) There is a Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund.

4 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to increase youth recreational opportunities in
5 Calvert County.

6 (d) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

7 (e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
8 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
10 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

11 (f) The Fund consists of:

12 (1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under § 2–202(b)(1)(iii) of the
13 Tax – General Article;

14 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and

15 (3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the
16 Fund.

17 (g) The Fund may be used only for projects that are approved by the Secretary to
18 advance youth recreational opportunities in Calvert County and that receive contributions
19 from the county for the projects.

20 (h) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same
21 manner as other State money may be invested.

22 (2) Any investment earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the General
23 Fund of the State.

24 (i) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State
25 budget.

26 (j) [Money] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION, MONEY**
27 expended from the Fund for youth recreational opportunities in Calvert County is
28 supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that otherwise would be
29 appropriated for youth recreational opportunities in Calvert County.

1 (iii) the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 4% to the Calvert County
2 Board of Education for school renovation and renewal projects that may not be used to
3 supplant county funds for public school construction.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2019, and
5 annually thereafter, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners shall report to the
6 Calvert County Senate and House Delegations of the General Assembly, in accordance with
7 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

8 (1) the distribution of funds from the Calvert County Youth Recreational
9 Opportunities Fund;

10 (2) the annual progress of activities and plans related to the development
11 of Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park; and

12 (3) plans to expand youth recreational opportunities at additional locations
13 after completion of the Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2018.