

HOUSE BILL 1650

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention**
3 **Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant
5 Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to
6 administer the Grant Program to provide grants and contracts on a competitive basis
7 to fund certain programs; requiring the Grant Program to provide certain funding to
8 a program at a certain level if federal funding is discontinued for the program;
9 providing for the funding of the Grant Program; defining a certain term; and
10 generally relating to the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 20–1901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 19. Maryland Teenage
14 Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **SUBTITLE 19. MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

21 **20–1901.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “GRANT PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND**
23 **TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THERE IS A MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT**
2 **PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM TO**
4 **PROVIDE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO FUND:**

5 **(1) TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT REPLICATE**
6 **ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT**
7 **HAVE BEEN PROVEN EFFECTIVE THROUGH RIGOROUS EVALUATION TO REDUCE**
8 **TEENAGE PREGNANCY OR BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS UNDERLYING TEENAGE**
9 **PREGNANCY; AND**

10 **(2) TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION RESEARCH AND**
11 **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS TO:**

12 **(i) DEVELOP, REPLICATE, REFINE, AND TEST ADDITIONAL**
13 **MODELS AND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING TEENAGE PREGNANCY;**
14 **AND**

15 **(ii) CONDUCT EVALUATIONS OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY**
16 **PREVENTION APPROACHES, INCLUDING LONGITUDINAL EVALUATIONS.**

17 **(D) IF A TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING**
18 **UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND IS DISCONTINUED AS A RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL**
19 **FUNDING, THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT**
20 **NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE TEENAGE PREGNANCY**
21 **PREVENTION PROGRAM BEFORE THE FEDERAL FUNDING WAS DISCONTINUED.**

22 **(E) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR**
23 **THEREAFTER, THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE**
24 **STATE BUDGET.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2018.