

# HOUSE BILL 132

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility requirements for the Robotics Grant Program to  
4 include certain nonprofit organizations and community clubs; repealing the  
5 requirement for existing nonprofit robotics clubs to be associated with a public school  
6 to be eligible for the Program; requiring the Governor to increase a certain  
7 appropriation to the Program in the State budget; and generally relating to the  
8 Robotics Grant Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–123  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–123.

18 (a) (1) There is a Robotics Grant Program in the State.

19 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to public schools [and],  
20 nonprofit [robotics] **ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY** clubs in the State to support  
21 existing robotics programs and to increase the number of robotics programs in the State.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)    [(1)] A school, **A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A COMMUNITY CLUB** is  
2 eligible to receive a grant under this section if the school, **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,**  
3 **OR COMMUNITY CLUB** is proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing  
4 robotics program or club.

5                   [(2)] An existing nonprofit robotics club is eligible to receive a grant under  
6 this section if the nonprofit robotics club is associated with a public school.]

7           (c)    The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation of at  
8 least ~~[\$250,000]~~ **\$500,000** to the Program.

9           (d)    The Department shall implement and administer the Program in accordance  
10 with this section.

11           (e)    The Department may adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this  
12 section.

13                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2019.