

HOUSE BILL 132

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CF SB 180

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CHAPTER _____

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; requiring the State Department
8 of Education to award grants in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and
9 generally relating to the Robotics Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–123
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 7–123.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT**
 2 **ORGANIZATION THAT:**

3 **(1) PROVIDES YOUTH WITH AN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME EXPERIENCE**
 4 **THAT FOCUSES ON PERSONAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND**

5 **(2) SERVES PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AS A MAJORITY OF ITS**
 6 **PARTICIPATING YOUTH.**

7 ~~(a)~~ **(B)** (1) There is a Robotics Grant Program in the State.

8 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to public schools ~~and~~
 9 ~~nonprofit~~ **ELIGIBLE [robotics] ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY clubs** in the State to
 10 support existing robotics programs and to increase the number of robotics programs in the
 11 State.

12 ~~(b)~~ **(C)** ~~[(1)]~~ A school, ~~A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A COMMUNITY~~
 13 ~~CLUB OR AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION~~ is eligible to receive a grant under this section if
 14 the school, ~~NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR COMMUNITY CLUB OR ELIGIBLE~~
 15 **ORGANIZATION** is proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing robotics
 16 program or club.

17 ~~[(2)~~ An ~~existing nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION** is
 18 eligible to receive a grant under this section **ONLY** if the ~~nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE**
 19 **ORGANIZATION** is associated with a public school.~~]~~

20 ~~(c)~~ **(D)** The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation
 21 of at least ~~[\$250,000] \$500,000~~ **\$350,000** to the Program.

22 ~~(d)~~ **(E)** **(1)** The Department shall implement and administer the Program in
 23 accordance with this section.

24 **(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD**
 25 **GRANTS TO ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AMONG THE GRANTEES.**

26 ~~(e)~~ **(F)** The Department may adopt regulations to implement the requirements
 27 of this section.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 29 1, 2019.