

# HOUSE BILL 1450

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Food Waste Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Food Waste Grant Program; establishing the purpose  
4 of the Program; authorizing a county board of education or a public school to apply  
5 for a grant under the Program; requiring the Governor to provide a certain amount  
6 in the annual budget bill for the Program beginning in a certain fiscal year;  
7 authorizing the Department and the Maryland Association for Environmental and  
8 Outdoor Education to retain certain funds for administrative costs for the Program;  
9 requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the  
10 Program; requiring the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor  
11 Education to review grant applications and select grant awardees; requiring the  
12 Department to award grants to the applicants selected by the Maryland Association  
13 for Environmental and Outdoor Education; requiring that a certain evaluation be  
14 conducted in a certain manner, examine certain issues, and be provided to certain  
15 persons at certain intervals; defining a certain term; providing for the termination  
16 of this Act; and generally relating to the Food Waste Grant Program.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 7–125

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **7–125.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE FOOD WASTE GRANT  
2 PROGRAM.

3           (B) (1) THERE IS A FOOD WASTE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

4                   (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
5 COUNTY BOARDS OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO:

6                           (I) REDUCE WASTE BY PROVIDING METHODS FOR FOODS TO BE  
7 SERVED DURING AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR THE FOLLOWING DAY;

8                           (II) SUPPORT STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AROUND  
9 FOOD WASTE;

10                          (III) DIVERT UNEATEN FOOD TO FOOD BANKS OR TO FAMILIES  
11 WHO WISH TO TAKE THE FOOD HOME;

12                          (IV) ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION TO FOOD DONATION  
13 CENTERS OR COMPOSTING SITES;

14                          (V) COMPOST FOOD WASTE FROM MEALS AT SCHOOLS;

15                          (VI) SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

16                          (VII) SUPPORT SCHOOL PROJECTS THAT INCORPORATE  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICES FOR FOOD WASTE AND COMPOSTING,  
18 GARDENING, WATER CONSERVATION, OR SCHOOLYARD HABITS.

19           (C) A COUNTY BOARD OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT  
20 UNDER THIS SECTION.

21           (D) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
22 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN  
23 APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

24                          (2) THE DEPARTMENT AND MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR  
25 ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION MAY RETAIN A PORTION OF THE  
26 FUNDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS  
27 OF THE PROGRAM.

28           (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
29 DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

1           **(2) (I) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND**  
2 **OUTDOOR EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SELECT GRANT**  
3 **AWARDEES UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

4           **(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO THE**  
5 **APPLICANTS SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL**  
6 **AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION.**

7           **(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022, AND EACH DECEMBER 1**  
8 **THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN EVALUATION, CONDUCTED BY**  
9 **AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, TO EXAMINE WHETHER THE FUNDING HAS:**

10           **(I) REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WASTE IN EACH SCHOOL**  
11 **OR SCHOOL DISTRICT;**

12           **(II) INCREASED THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY OF STUDENTS;**

13           **(III) PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO MORE**  
14 **TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF; AND**

15           **(IV) COVERED THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM**  
16 **FOR:**

17                   **1. THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

18                   **2. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR**  
19 **ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION.**

20           **(2) ON COMPLETION, THE EVALUATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO:**

21           **(I) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT;**

22           **(II) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;**

23           **(III) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND**

24           **(IV) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
25 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE:**

26                   **1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

27                   **2. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

1                                   **3. THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND**  
2 **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE;**

3                                   **4. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS; AND**

4                                   **5. THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**  
5 **COMMITTEE.**

6           **(G) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO**  
7 **IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027,  
10 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
11 of no further force and effect.