

SENATE BILL 630

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations*

Introduced by **Senators Kagan, Augustine, Bailey, Beidle, Benson, Carozza, Carter, Cassilly, Eckardt, Edwards, Elfreth, Ellis, Feldman, Ferguson, Gallion, Griffith, Guzzone, Hayes, Hershey, Hester, Hettleman, Hough, Jennings, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lam, Lee, McCray, Miller, Patterson, Peters, Pinsky, Ready, Reilly, Rosapepe, Salling, Serafini, Simonaire, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, Washington, West, Young, and Zucker**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council;
4 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; establishing the
5 terms of certain members of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from
6 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
7 expenses; requiring the Council to advise the Governor’s Grants Office and the ~~Board~~
8 ~~of Public Works~~ Department of Budget and Management regarding certain matters;
9 requiring the Council to monitor and report on certain matters; requiring the Council

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 to study and make recommendations to the Governor's Grants Office and the ~~Board~~
 2 Department regarding the grants life cycle, including the creation of certain
 3 materials for use by certain grant-making agencies, grant applicants, and grant
 4 recipients, certain regulations, and certain recommended timelines and deadlines;
 5 requiring the Council to solicit the input of certain stakeholders and ~~authorizing the~~
 6 ~~Council to~~ establish certain working groups; ~~requiring the Board to adopt by~~
 7 ~~regulation a certain uniform grant application form, uniform financial controls and~~
 8 ~~reporting requirements, and uniform performance progress reporting requirements~~
 9 ~~on or before a certain date; requiring the uniform grant application form, uniform~~
 10 ~~financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress reporting~~
 11 ~~requirements to be based on recommendations of the Council and, to the greatest~~
 12 ~~extent practicable, be consistent with certain federal guidance and related forms;~~
 13 ~~requiring the Board to adopt certain portions of a certain guidance on or before~~
 14 ~~certain dates; requiring a certain agency that awards certain grant funds to~~
 15 ~~administer grants in a certain manner on or after a certain date; authorizing a~~
 16 ~~certain agency to apply for an exception to a certain requirement under certain~~
 17 ~~circumstances; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Council and the~~
 18 ~~Governor's Grants Office, to adopt regulations governing the consideration and~~
 19 ~~approval of certain requests~~ Council to submit a certain report to the Department
 20 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring a certain State
 21 agency to appoint a ~~certain~~ Chief Accountability Officer on or before a certain date;
 22 requiring the Governor's Grants Office to provide technical assistance and
 23 interpretations of policy requirements for certain purposes; ~~providing that the~~
 24 ~~provisions of this Act and any regulations adopted under this Act supersede certain~~
 25 ~~conflicting regulations;~~ defining a certain term certain terms; requiring the ~~Board~~
 26 ~~and the Governor's Grants Office to jointly~~ Department to report to the General
 27 Assembly on or before ~~a certain date~~ certain dates; specifying the terms of the initial
 28 members of the Council; *providing for the termination of this Act;* and generally
 29 relating to the development and adoption of a uniform grant application form,
 30 uniform financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress
 31 reporting requirements.

32 BY adding to

33 Article – State Finance and Procurement

34 Section 2–209 and 2–210

35 Annotated Code of Maryland

36 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

37 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

38 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

39 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

40 **2–209.**

1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT
2 GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL.

3 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL.

4 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

5 (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR
6 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

7 (II) THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR THE CHIEF
8 PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;

9 (III) THE STATE TREASURER OR THE STATE TREASURER'S
10 DESIGNEE;

11 (IV) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
12 DESIGNEE;

13 (V) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE
14 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

15 (VI) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR THE SECRETARY'S
16 DESIGNEE;

17 (VII) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES OR THE
18 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

19 (VIII) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
20 DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

21 (IX) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
22 DESIGNEE;

23 (X) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE
24 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

25 (XI) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE STATE
26 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

27 (XII) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY
28 ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

1 ~~(IX)~~ (XIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S
2 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
3 DESIGNEE;

4 ~~(X)~~ ~~(XIV)~~ ~~ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE~~
5 ~~PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;~~

6 ~~(XI)~~ ~~(XV)~~ ~~ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,~~
7 ~~APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND~~

8 (XIV) THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
9 COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;

10 (XV) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE
11 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

12 ~~(XVI)~~ ~~(XV)~~ (XVI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
13 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

14 ~~(XVII)~~ ~~(XVI)~~ (XVII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
15 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND

16 ~~(XII)~~ ~~(XVIII)~~ ~~(XVII)~~ (XVIII) FOUR FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING SERVICES
18 FUNDED BY STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS AND THAT REFLECT THE SIZE AND
19 DIVERSITY OF THE NONPROFIT GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY
20 THE GOVERNOR;

21 ~~(XVIII)~~ (XIX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
22 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

23 ~~(XIV)~~ (XX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE NONPROFIT
24 ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

25 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
26 APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH ~~(1)(XII)~~ ~~(1)(XVIII)~~ ~~(1)(XVII)~~ ~~(1)(XVIII)~~ OF THIS
27 SUBSECTION.

28 (II) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

29 (III) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY
30 THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON JULY 1, 2020.

1 (IV) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE
2 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

3 (V) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN
4 SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
5 AND QUALIFIES.

6 (VI) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR NEGLIGENCE OF
7 DUTY, INCOMPETENCE OR MISCONDUCT.

8 (D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR THE
9 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

10 (E) THE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE SHARED
11 BY THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

12 (F) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

13 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
14 COUNCIL; BUT

15 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
16 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

17 (G) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

18 (1) ADVISE THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE ~~BOARD OF~~
19 ~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON THE
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF ~~§ 2-110~~ 2-210 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

21 (2) MONITOR AND REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE
22 AND THE ~~BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS~~ DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
23 ON THE STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING ~~§ 2-110~~ 2-210 OF THIS
24 SUBTITLE.

25 2-210.

26 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
27 INDICATED.

28 ~~(2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.~~

29 ~~(3)~~ (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT
30 APPLICATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-209 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 **(3) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND**
2 **MANAGEMENT.**

3 **(4) (I) “GRANT” MEANS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT OF FINANCIAL**
4 **ASSISTANCE BETWEEN A STATE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND A NON-STATE ENTITY**
5 **THAT IS:**

6 **1. USED TO ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP THE**
7 **PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO TRANSFER ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM THE**
8 **GRANT-MAKING ENTITY TO THE GRANT RECIPIENT TO CARRY OUT A PUBLIC**
9 **PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND NOT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OR SERVICES FOR**
10 **THE DIRECT BENEFIT OR USE OF THE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY; AND**

11 **2. DISTINGUISHED FROM A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**
12 **IN THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT BETWEEN THE**
13 **GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND THE GRANT RECIPIENT IN CARRYING OUT THE**
14 **ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED BY THE AWARD.**

15 **(II) “GRANT” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INSTRUMENT THAT**
16 **PROVIDES ONLY:**

17 **1. DIRECT GOVERNMENT CASH ASSISTANCE TO AN**
18 **INDIVIDUAL;**

19 **2. A SUBSIDY;**

20 **3. A LOAN;**

21 **4. A LOAN GUARANTEE;**

22 **5. INSURANCE;**

23 **6. GRANTS MADE BY THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION**
24 **SYSTEM, THE CAPITAL BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE**
25 **MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;**

26 **7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS MADE BY THE**
27 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; OR**

28 **8. ANY STATE FUNDING THAT IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY**
29 **AND IS CALCULATED THROUGH A FORMULA SET IN STATUTE.**

1 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** “GRANT APPLICATION FORM” MEANS A GRANT
2 APPLICATION TEMPLATE AND RELATED MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED
3 BY GRANT APPLICANTS, INCLUDING:

4 (I) REQUIRED ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIALS; AND

5 (II) PROPOSED BUDGET CATEGORIES AND LINE ITEMS.

6 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** “UNIFORM GUIDANCE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF
7 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST
8 PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS, 2 C.F.R. PART
9 200.

10 **(B) (1)** ~~THE~~ IN ORDER TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, STREAMLINE AND
11 REDUCE REDUNDANT PROCESSES, REDUCE PAPERWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE
12 BURDENS ON BOTH GRANTING AGENCIES AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, AND FACILITATE
13 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE CENTRALIZED GRANTS
14 MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, THE COUNCIL SHALL STUDY AND
15 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR’S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE ~~BOARD~~
16 DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ENTIRE GRANTS LIFE CYCLE, INCLUDING:

17 (I) THE CREATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR USE BY
18 GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES, GRANT APPLICANTS, AND GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE
19 STATE:

20 ~~(I)~~ **1.** A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;

21 ~~(II)~~ **2.** UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

23 ~~(III)~~ **3.** UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING
24 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS;

25 (II) REGULATIONS ADOPTING EACH PART OF THE UNIFORM
26 GUIDANCE, WITH APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS FOR ITS APPLICATION TO
27 GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING MODIFICATIONS OR
28 VARIANCES BASED ON THE SCOPE OR SIZE OF PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS,
29 GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES, OR GRANTEES;

30 (III) RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES AND DEADLINES FOR THE
31 VARIOUS TASKS INCLUDED IN ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

1 (IV) RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR USE AND
 2 IMPLEMENTATION BY THE VARIOUS GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES OF THE MATERIALS
 3 PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

4 (V) RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES
 5 TO ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 6 PROVISIONS OF PARTS OF UNIFORM GUIDANCE AS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
 7 BY REGULATION.

8 (2) IN DEVELOPING MATERIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER
 9 THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL:

10 (I) ~~SHALL~~ SOLICIT THE INPUT OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS,
 11 INCLUDING GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING LOCAL
 12 GOVERNMENTS, GRANT PROFESSIONALS, EXPERTS IN NONPROFIT ACCOUNTING
 13 AND AUDITING, AND NONPROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND

14 (II) ~~MAY~~ ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE ~~STAKEHOLDER~~ ISSUE
 15 WORKING GROUPS TO, COMPOSED OF STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING DIVERSE
 16 BACKGROUNDS APPROPRIATE TO THE CHARGE OF EACH WORKGROUP, AND ALSO
 17 REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND THE DIVERSITY OF
 18 GRANT PROGRAMS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING ARTS, HISTORY, AND
 19 SOCIAL SERVICE, TO PARTICIPATE IN AND FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF
 20 DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS.

21 ~~(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR~~
 22 ~~BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE BOARD SHALL, BY REGULATION, ADOPT:~~

23 ~~(I) A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;~~

24 ~~(II) UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING~~
 25 ~~REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND~~

26 ~~(III) UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING~~
 27 ~~REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.~~

28 ~~(2) THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM, UNIFORM FINANCIAL~~
 29 ~~CONTROLS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE~~
 30 ~~PROGRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:~~

31 ~~(I) BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL~~
 32 ~~DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

1 ~~(H) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE CONSISTENT~~
2 ~~WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND RELATED FORMS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF~~
3 ~~MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.~~

4 ~~(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT~~
5 ~~REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR~~
6 ~~ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.~~

7 ~~(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT~~
8 ~~REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR ALL~~
9 ~~STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.~~

10 ~~(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,~~
11 ~~ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, ANY STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT AWARDS STATE OR~~
12 ~~FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS SHALL:~~

13 ~~(I) USE THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM~~
14 ~~RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER~~
15 ~~SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;~~

16 ~~(H) REQUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS~~
17 ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING~~
18 ~~REQUIREMENTS AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING~~
19 ~~REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

20 ~~(II) ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN~~
21 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS~~
22 ~~ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.~~

23 ~~(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,~~
24 ~~ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, EACH STATE AND LOCAL GRANT MAKING AGENCY~~
25 ~~SHALL ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE~~
26 ~~ENTIRETY OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE~~
27 ~~BOARD.~~

28 ~~(3) (I) IF A REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION OR OF~~
29 ~~REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WOULD CONFLICT WITH~~
30 ~~APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OR POSE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON A~~
31 ~~GRANT MAKING AGENCY, GRANT APPLICANT, OR GRANT RECIPIENT WHEN APPLIED~~
32 ~~TO A PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAM, THE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT~~
33 ~~ADMINISTERS THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY APPLY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE~~
34 ~~REQUIREMENT.~~

~~(H) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING WHICH ENTITIES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERING REQUESTS REGARDING PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS.~~

(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FULL RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

~~(F)~~ (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020, EACH STATE GRANT-MAKING AGENCY SHALL APPOINT A CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER WHO SHALL:

(1) SERVE AS A LIAISON TO THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE; AND

(2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AGENCY'S ~~IMPLEMENTATION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED~~ REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(G)~~ (E) THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INTERPRETATIONS OF POLICY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION BY STATE AND LOCAL GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act and any regulations adopted under this Act shall supersede any conflicting State regulations regarding requirements for grant applications, financial controls and reporting, or performance progress reporting.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31, 2021, the Board of Public Works and the Governor's Grants Office shall jointly report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this Act.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall:

(1) on or before December 31, 2021, report to the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act, including the timelines and deadlines recommended by the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council in accordance with § 2-210(b)(1)(iii) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

1 (2) on or before December 31 of the calendar years 2022 through 2026,
2 report to the General Assembly on the progress of the implementation of this Act, including
3 any recommendations of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

4 SECTION ~~4~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
5 members appointed to the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by the Governor
6 shall expire as follows:

7 (1) two members in 2022; and

8 (2) ~~two~~ three members in 2024.

9 SECTION ~~5~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
11 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of
12 no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.