

Chapter 352

(Senate Bill 630)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Adult High School Pilot Program – Funding and Grants

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Adult High School Pilot Program to provide grants to certain pilots; requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Program; requiring the Program to use certain funds to provide a certain grant in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to funding for and grants for the Adult High School Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.7–101(a) through (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.7–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

9.7–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Operator” means a private nonprofit entity that establishes a pilot under the Program.
- (c) “Pilot” means an adult high school established by an operator under the Program.
- (d) “Program” means the Adult High School Pilot Program.

9.7–107.

(A) THE PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE GRANTS TO ~~A PILOT~~ PILOTS APPROVED

UNDER AND OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL ~~AN A FEDERAL FUND OR A GENERAL FUND~~ APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL ~~AN A FEDERAL FUND OR A GENERAL FUND~~ APPROPRIATION OF ~~\$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM~~ \$250,000 FOR EACH PILOT APPROVED AND OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

(C) The operator or Advisory Board of a pilot may apply for and accept donations, grants, or other financial assistance from a governmental entity or any nonprofit or other private organization.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Adult High School Pilot Program established under Title 9.7 of the Education Article shall use the funds appropriated to the Program under § 9.7–107(b)(1) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to provide a \$250,000 grant in fiscal year 2022 to a pilot that:

(1) has been approved for the Program by the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Labor prior to January 1, 2021; and

(2) proposes to provide instruction at a physical building located in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.