

# SENATE BILL 463

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By: **Senator West**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund; establishing the  
4 purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of  
5 Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund; requiring the  
6 Governor annually to appropriate a certain amount for the Fund; requiring the  
7 Executive Director to establish certain procedures for the Fund; defining certain  
8 terms; and generally relating to the Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety

11 Section 4–1501 through 4–1503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Police  
12 Athletic League Grant Fund”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **SUBTITLE 15. POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.**

19 **4–1501.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**  
23 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.

2 (D) "POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS" MEANS PROGRAMS:

3 (1) OPERATED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS IN  
4 CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL POLICE ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES LEAGUES, INC. OR  
5 ANY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP CHAPTERS; AND

6 (2) DESIGNED TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUTH, POLICE,  
7 AND THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR  
8 ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATING YOUTH WITH THE GOAL OF PREVENTING JUVENILE  
9 CRIME.

10 4-1502.

11 (A) THERE IS A POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.

12 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO  
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT POLICE  
14 ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS.

15 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

16 (D) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
17 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE FUND.

18 (E) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED UNDER  
20 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

21 4-1503.

22 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL  
23 GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2021.