

# HOUSE BILL 534

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By: **Delegates Ruff, Acevero, Attar, Crutchfield, Embry, Rosenberg, Spiegel, Toles, Wilkins, and Williams**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Development Administration – Live Near Your School Program –**  
3 **Funding and Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include in the annual  
5 budget bill an appropriation for the Live Near Your School program in the  
6 Community Development Administration; extending the termination date for the  
7 program; and generally relating to the Live Near Your School program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Housing and Community Development  
10 Section 4–101(a) and (b) and 4–217(a) and (b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Housing and Community Development  
15 Section 4–217(e)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Chapter 247 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
20 Section 2

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

23 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

24 4–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Administration” means the Community Development Administration.

3 4–217.

4 (a) A project, undertaking, or a part of a project or undertaking, including the  
5 real, personal, and mixed property involved, qualifies as a community development project  
6 if it is planned, acquired, owned, developed, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated,  
7 repaired, renovated, or improved to promote sound community development.

8 (b) A community development project shall provide for:

9 (1) new or existing housing:

10 (i) that is or will be occupied in substantial part by families of  
11 limited income; or

12 (ii) at least 20% of which is or will be occupied by families of limited  
13 income, if the project is financed with bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness  
14 issued by the Administration, the income from which being includable in the holder’s gross  
15 income under the Internal Revenue Code as determined by the Administration at the time  
16 of issue;

17 (2) any improvements, such as streets, roads, sewer lines, and water lines  
18 that are needed to support the housing; and

19 (3) the public or private commercial, educational, cultural, recreational,  
20 community, or civic facilities that are needed to support the housing.

21 (e) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings  
22 indicated.

23 (ii) “Current student” means an individual who:

24 1. attends a public institution of higher education in the  
25 State; and

26 2. is a degree-seeking, full-time equivalent student in an  
27 undergraduate level, graduate level, or professional degree program.

28 (iii) “Public institution of higher education” has the meaning stated  
29 in § 10–101 of the Education Article.

1 (iv) "Recent graduate" means an individual who, within 5 years  
2 before applying for assistance under this section, graduated from a public institution of  
3 higher education in the State with at least:

4 1. 120 credits in an undergraduate level program; or

5 2. 30 credits in a graduate level or professional degree  
6 program.

7 (2) The Administration may administer community development projects  
8 that:

9 (i) are in sustainable communities approved under § 6-305 of this  
10 article; and

11 (ii) provide current students and recent graduates with financial  
12 assistance in the form of grants to buy homes near the school of the student or graduate.

13 (3) A community development project administered under this subsection  
14 is not subject to the provisions of subsection (b)(1) of this section that require part of the  
15 housing to be occupied by families of limited income.

16 (4) The community development projects administered under this  
17 subsection shall be known as the Live Near Your School program.

18 (5) The Administration shall adopt regulations to implement the Live Near  
19 Your School program established under this subsection.

20 **(6) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2030, EACH YEAR THE**  
21 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**  
22 **\$200,000 FOR THE LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS**  
23 **SUBSECTION.**

#### 24 Chapter 247 of the Acts of 2021

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] 9 years and, at the end of  
27 September 30, [2024] 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General  
28 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2024.