

SENATE BILL 21

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By: **Senator A. Washington**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Stadium Grant Program and Study – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Public School Stadium Grant Program; requiring the
4 Interagency Commission on School Construction to implement and administer the
5 Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to conduct
6 a comprehensive study analyzing the current condition of public high school athletic
7 and physical education facilities in the State; requiring the Prince George’s County
8 Board of Education and the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning
9 Commission, on or before a certain date, to meet to discuss potential partnerships to
10 upgrade public high school athletic and physical education facilities; and generally
11 relating to the Public School Stadium Grant Program and public high school athletic
12 and physical education facilities in the State.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 5–330

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **5–330.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STADIUM**
23 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) THERE IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL STADIUM GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**
3 **COUNTY BOARDS FOR MAJOR RENOVATION OR REPLACEMENT OF STADIUMS FOR**
4 **PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.**

5 **(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE**
6 **INTERAGENCY COMMISSION.**

7 **(D) (1) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL:**

8 **(I) PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR STADIUM**
9 **IMPROVEMENTS;**

10 **(II) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR A COUNTY BOARD TO APPLY**
11 **FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND**

12 **(III) DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A COUNTY**
13 **BOARD TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

14 **(2) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY NOT:**

15 **(I) AWARD GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR ROUTINE**
16 **MAINTENANCE ON PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STADIUMS UNDER THE PROGRAM; OR**

17 **(II) REQUIRE A PROJECT TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE AND**
18 **LOCAL COST-SHARE ESTABLISHED FOR EACH COUNTY IN REGULATIONS.**

19 **(E) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
20 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
21 **OF \$60,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

22 **(2) THE STATE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS**
23 **SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT**
24 **WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
25 **PURPOSES TO A COUNTY BOARD FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

26 **(F) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS**
27 **NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

29 (a) (1) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall conduct a
30 comprehensive study analyzing the current condition of public high school athletic and

1 physical education facilities in the State.

2 (2) The Interagency Commission on School Construction may hire an
3 independent consultant to conduct the study.

4 (3) In conducting the study, the Interagency Commission on School
5 Construction shall consult with each county board of education.

6 (b) The study shall include:

7 (1) subject to subsection (c) of this section, an analysis of public high school
8 athletic and physical education facilities in the State, including information for each public
9 high school on:

10 (i) the last time the athletic and physical education facilities were
11 upgraded;

12 (ii) whether a partial or full replacement of the athletic and physical
13 education facilities is needed;

14 (iii) the estimated cost of a partial or full replacement of the athletic
15 and physical education facilities; and

16 (iv) the overall quality of the athletic and physical education
17 facilities;

18 (2) the average cost for public high school athletic and physical education
19 facility replacements;

20 (3) the total financial need by county for athletic and physical education
21 facility replacements;

22 (4) recommendations on best practices for replacing athletic and physical
23 education facilities; and

24 (5) an audit of any related needs assessments that have already been
25 conducted by a county or county board.

26 (c) A county board shall provide the information required under subsection (b)(1)
27 of this section on request from the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

28 (d) On or before December 1, 2024, the Interagency Commission on School
29 Construction shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor
30 and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 1,
32 2024, the Prince George’s County Board of Education and the Maryland–National Capital

1 Park and Planning Commission shall meet to discuss potential partnerships to upgrade
2 public high school athletic and physical education facilities in Prince George's County.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
4 1, 2024. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of
5 May 31, 2025, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
6 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.