

SENATE BILL 540

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By: **Senators Gile, Brooks, Feldman, Kagan, Kramer, and Watson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Mapping Data Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the ~~State~~
4 ~~Department of Education~~ Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the
5 purpose of the Program and establishing the requirements of the Program;
6 authorizing the School Safety Subcabinet within the Maryland Center for School
7 Safety to use the Safe Schools Fund to provide funding to ~~the Department~~ local school
8 systems for grants under the Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on
9 School Construction to adopt facility mapping standards; and generally relating to
10 the School Mapping Data Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section ~~7-452~~ 5-310.1 and 7-1510.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 7-1512
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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.



Article - Education

5-310.1.

(A) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT FACILITY MAPPING STANDARDS FOR THE UNIFORM MAPPING OF THE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

(B) LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES SHALL:

(1) COOPERATE WITH THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFORM MAPPING STANDARDS; AND

(2) CONTRIBUTE DATA AS REQUESTED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION.

~~7-452.~~ 7-1510.1.

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

(2) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM.

(3) "SCHOOL MAPPING DATA" MEANS DATA IN AN ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL FORMAT TO ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS IN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES AT A SCHOOL.

(B) THERE IS A SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM IN THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ CENTER.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ~~COUNTY~~ BOARDS LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PRODUCE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

(D) (1) ~~EACH COUNTY BOARD~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, MAY APPLY TO THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ SUBCABINET FOR FUNDS TO PRODUCE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA.

(2) SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FACILITY MAPPING STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UNDER § 5-310.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 **(3) THE CENTER SHALL WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**
2 **INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL**
3 **MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM MEETS THE**
4 **FACILITY MAPPING STANDARDS DEVELOPED UNDER § 5-310.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

5 **(4) AT A MINIMUM, SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH**
6 **FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM SHALL:**

7 **(I) BE COMPATIBLE WITH SOFTWARE PLATFORMS USED BY**
8 **THE SCHOOL AND LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THAT**
9 **PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT REQUIRING THE**
10 **PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE OR CHARGING A FEE TO VIEW OR ACCESS THE**
11 **DATA;**

12 **(II) BE IN A PRINTABLE FORMAT AND, IF REQUESTED, BE IN A**
13 **DIGITAL FILE FORMAT THAT CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO INTERACTIVE MOBILE**
14 **PLATFORMS;**

15 **(III) BE VERIFIED FOR ACCURACY BY A WALK-THROUGH OF THE**
16 **SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;**

17 **(IV) BE ORIENTED TRUE NORTH;**

18 **(V) BE OVERLAID ON CURRENT AERIAL IMAGERY;**

19 **(VI) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE**
20 **STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING:**

21 **1. ROOM LABELS;**

22 **2. HALLWAY NAMES;**

23 **3. EXTERNAL DOOR OR STAIRWELL NUMBERS; AND**

24 **4. LOCATIONS OF:**

25 **A. HAZARDS;**

26 **B. CRITICAL UTILITY LOCATIONS;**

27 **C. KEY BOXES; AND**

28 **D. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND**
29 **TRAUMA KITS;**

1 (VII) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE
2 SCHOOL GROUNDS, INCLUDING:

- 3 1. PARKING AREAS;
- 4 2. ATHLETIC FIELDS;
- 5 3. SURROUNDING ROADS; AND
- 6 4. NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES; AND

7 (VIII) BE OVERLAID WITH GRIDDED X AND Y COORDINATES.

8 (E) ANY DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, OR OTHER SCHOOL MAPPING DATA THAT
9 IS PRODUCED UNDER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NOT
10 SUBJECT TO AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED UNDER THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.

11 7-1512.

12 (a) There is a Safe Schools Fund.

13 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to local school systems to enhance
14 school safety.

15 (c) The Subcabinet shall administer the Fund.

16 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of
17 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

18 (2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall
19 account for the Fund in conjunction with the Executive Director of the Center.

20 (e) The Fund consists of:

21 (1) Money credited to the Fund under § 17-106(e) of the Transportation
22 Article;

23 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

24 (3) Money appropriated to the Fund under § 7-1508 of this subtitle;

25 (4) Money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund; and

26 (5) Any interest earnings of the Fund.

1 (f) Except as provided in [subsection (g)] **SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H)** of this
2 section, the Fund may be used only to provide grants to local school systems to enhance
3 school safety, including:

4 (1) Conducting training for students and school personnel on de-escalation
5 of situations and identifying and reporting behaviors of concern;

6 (2) Conducting training of assessment teams;

7 (3) Conducting school safety evaluations;

8 (4) Establishing formal and anonymous mechanisms for reporting safety
9 concerns;

10 (5) Reimbursing local law enforcement agencies for school resource officer
11 training provided by the Center;

12 (6) Enrolling school security employees in training provided by the Center;

13 (7) Developing plans to deliver school-based behavioral health and other
14 wraparound services to students who exhibit behaviors of concern, including establishing
15 systems to maximize external funding for services;

16 (8) Outreach to the broader school community to improve school safety,
17 including to heighten awareness of existing mental health services and other services;

18 (9) Providing information to students and parents on traveling safely to
19 and from school, including data related to bus and pedestrian safety, strategies for ensuring
20 personal safety, efforts of the local school system to improve safety, and information on
21 available options for reporting incidents and concerns; and

22 (10) Assisting local school systems to improve and monitor traffic control
23 measures in the immediate vicinity of schools to reduce the potential for pedestrian and
24 vehicle accidents.

25 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least
26 \$10,000,000 of the money in the Fund shall be used to provide grants to local school systems
27 and local law enforcement agencies as provided under § 7-1508 of this subtitle.

28 **(H) THE SUBCABINET MAY USE THE FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ~~THE~~**
29 **~~DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT § 7-452 OF THIS TITLE~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN**
30 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1510.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

31 **[(h)] (I)** (1) The Subcabinet may make grants to local school systems and
32 local law enforcement agencies from the Fund.

1 (2) The Subcabinet shall establish procedures for local school systems and
2 local law enforcement agencies to apply for grants from the Fund.

3 [(i)] (J) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the
4 same manner as other State money may be invested.

5 (2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

6 [(j)] (K) Expenditures from the Fund may only be made:

7 (1) In accordance with the State budget; or

8 (2) By the budget amendment procedure as provided in § 7–209 of the State
9 Finance and Procurement Article, if at least 45 days have passed since the budget
10 amendment and supporting information were submitted to the budget committees for their
11 review and comment.

12 [(k)] (L) Money expended from the Fund by local school systems to enhance
13 school safety is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that
14 otherwise would be appropriated to local school systems.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.