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**By: Senators Middleton, Dyson, Stoltzfus, Astle, Hogan, Ferguson, Munson, Miller, Colburn, Haines, and Derr**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Comptroller - Annual Grants - Agricultural Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to pay, from a certain special fund, an  
4 annual grant of a certain amount to the Maryland Agricultural Education  
5 Foundation, Inc., to promote and enhance statewide agricultural education.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Business Regulation  
8 Section 11-403(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Business Regulation**

14 11-403.

15 (a) The Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

16 (1) \$600,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to promote State and  
17 county agricultural fairs and exhibits;

18 (2) \$100,000 to Prince George's County to replace money formerly received  
19 from the admissions and amusement tax;

20 (3) \$40,000 to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness racing  
21 with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track maintenance, and  
22 purses; [and]

23 (4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are open  
24 at the Bowie Race Course Training Center; AND

25 (5) \$75,000 TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
26 FOUNDATION, INC., TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL  
27 EDUCATION.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 1996.