

# SENATE BILL 711

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By: **Senators Gladden and Dyson**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – “Share the State Fair!” Matching Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the “Share the State Fair!” Matching Fund in the  
4 State Department of Education; specifying the purpose of the Fund; specifying  
5 sources of money for the Fund and requiring the Governor to include certain  
6 money in the State budget each year for the Fund; specifying the amount of a  
7 matching grant; restricting the use of grant money to the payment of certain  
8 costs; requiring the State Superintendent of Education to evaluate and make  
9 recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding grant applications  
10 and to issue a certain annual report; requiring the State Board to adopt certain  
11 regulations; and generally relating to the “Share the State Fair!” Matching  
12 Fund.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 7–116  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–116.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (A)    **IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE “SHARE THE STATE FAIR!”**  
2 **MATCHING FUND.**

3           (B)    **THERE IS A “SHARE THE STATE FAIR!” MATCHING FUND IN THE**  
4 **DEPARTMENT.**

5           (C)    **THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO:**

6                   (1)   **PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS AND**  
7 **ENCOURAGE THEM TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR**  
8 **A “SHARE THE STATE FAIR!” PROGRAM; AND**

9                   (2)   **PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**  
10 **OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN EACH COUNTY IN PREKINDERGARTEN**  
11 **THROUGH GRADE 8 TO ATTEND THE STATE FAIR.**

12           (D)    **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

13           (E)    (1)   **THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
14 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

15                   (2)   **THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND**  
16 **THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

17           (F)    (1)   **THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

18                           (I)   **MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE**  
19 **FUND;**

20                           (II)   **INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

21                           (III)   **ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE**  
22 **ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

23                   (2)   **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$25,000 IN THE STATE**  
24 **BUDGET EACH FISCAL YEAR FOR THE FUND.**

1           **(G) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE MATCHING**  
2 **GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT A "SHARE THE STATE FAIR!"**  
3 **PROGRAM.**

4           **(2) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE**  
5 **AGGREGATE GRANTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 FROM THE FUND.**

6           **(3) A GRANT MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY THE COSTS FOR**  
7 **TRANSPORTATION AND REFRESHMENTS FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE**  
8 **"SHARE THE STATE FAIR!" PROGRAM.**

9           **(H) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL:**

10           **(1) EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE**  
11 **BOARD REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

12           **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, ISSUE A REPORT ON**  
13 **THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
14 **§ 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

15           **(I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**  
16 **THIS SECTION.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2007.