

# SENATE BILL 711

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By: **Senators Gladden and Dyson**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–116

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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### 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.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-116.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “~~FUND PROGRAM~~” MEANS THE “SHARE THE  
6 STATE FAIR!” ~~MATCHING FUND PROGRAM~~.

7 (B) THERE IS A “SHARE THE STATE FAIR!” ~~MATCHING FUND PROGRAM~~  
8 IN THE DEPARTMENT.

9 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE ~~FUND PROGRAM~~ IS TO:

10 (1) PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS AND  
11 ENCOURAGE THEM TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR  
12 A “SHARE THE STATE FAIR!” ~~PROGRAM PROGRAM~~; AND

13 (2) PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT  
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN EACH COUNTY IN PREKINDERGARTEN  
15 THROUGH GRADE 8 TO ATTEND THE STATE FAIR.

16 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE ~~FUND~~ MATCHING  
17 GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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

20 ~~(2) THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND~~  
21 ~~THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.~~

22 ~~(F) (1) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:~~

23 ~~(i) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE~~  
24 ~~FUND;~~

25 ~~(ii) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND~~

26 ~~(iii) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE~~  
27 ~~ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.~~

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

3           (E) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER,  
4 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$25,000 FOR THE  
5 PROGRAM.

6           ~~(G) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE MATCHING~~  
7 ~~GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT A "SHARE THE STATE FAIR!"~~  
8 ~~PROGRAM.~~

9           ~~(2)~~ (F) (1) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT  
10 RECEIVE AGGREGATE GRANTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 ~~FROM THE FUND~~ UNDER  
11 THE PROGRAM.

12           ~~(3)~~ (2) A GRANT MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY THE COSTS FOR  
13 TRANSPORTATION AND REFRESHMENTS FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
14 "SHARE THE STATE FAIR!" ~~PROGRAM~~ PROGRAM.

15           ~~(H)~~ (G) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL:

16           ~~(1)~~ EVALUATE ~~EVALUATE~~ AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
17 STATE BOARD REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION;  
18 ~~AND~~

19           ~~(2)~~ ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, ISSUE A REPORT ON  
20 THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
21 § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

22           ~~(H)~~ (H) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
23 THIS SECTION.

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