

# CHAPTER 49

(Senate Bill 711)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Education  
Section 7-116  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

### **Article – Education**

#### **7-116.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;~~

~~(II) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND~~

~~(III) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.