

HOUSE BILL 1188

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By: **Delegates Ross, Ivey, Summers, Vaughn, and Walker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Lacrosse Opportunities Program**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Lacrosse Opportunities Program in the State
4 Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to
5 participate in lacrosse in their communities; requiring the State Superintendent
6 of Education to administer the Program; authorizing certain local education
7 agencies to submit an application for a grant under the Program; requiring a
8 grant application to include certain information; requiring the Department, in
9 making grants under the Program, to require certain matching funds from
10 certain sources; limiting the amount of a grant under the Program; requiring
11 the State Superintendent or the State Superintendent's designee to review
12 applications and provide grants to eligible agencies with programs that will
13 increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse; requiring
14 the Governor to include a certain amount for the Program in each annual
15 budget submission; requiring the State Superintendent to adopt certain
16 regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Lacrosse
17 Opportunities Program to increase opportunities for minority students to
18 participate in lacrosse in their communities.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 2–305

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **2-305.**

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

4 (2) "AGENCY" MEANS A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY SERVING A
5 POPULATION OF STUDENTS AT LEAST 80% OF WHICH ARE MINORITY STUDENTS.

6 (3) "MINORITY STUDENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
7 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

8 (B) (1) THERE IS A LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM IN THE
9 DEPARTMENT.

10 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM
11 IS TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
12 LACROSSE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

13 (C) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER
14 THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

15 (D) (1) AN AGENCY MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS IN FURTHERANCE
17 OF THE PURPOSE OF THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

18 (2) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

19 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE
20 PROPOSED PROGRAM;

21 (II) A BUSINESS PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE ESTIMATED
22 TOTAL COST OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM; AND

23 (III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT.

25 (E) IN AWARDING A GRANT UNDER THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES
26 PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

27 (1) REQUIRE THE GRANTEE TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FROM
28 ANY COMBINATION OF FEDERAL, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR PRIVATE SOURCES;
29 AND

1 **(2) ENSURE THAT THE GRANT DOES NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE**
2 **TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF THE GRANTEE'S PROGRAM.**

3 **(F) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S**
4 **DESIGNEE SHALL:**

5 **(1) REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE**
6 **WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

7 **(2) TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, PROVIDE GRANTS TO**
8 **AGENCIES THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

9 **(G) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
10 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION AT LEAST**
11 **\$100,000 FOR THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.**

12 **(H) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**
13 **IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2012.