

Chapter 706

(House Bill 1188)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Lacrosse Opportunities Program

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

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 2–305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

2–305.

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

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

(3) “MINORITY STUDENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

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

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

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

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

(2) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

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

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

(III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

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

(F) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESIGNEE SHALL:

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

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

(G) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION AT LEAST ~~\$100,000~~ \$40,000 FOR THE LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.