

HOUSE BILL 1020

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Local Impact Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which certain local impact grants provided
4 from proceeds of video lottery terminals are to be distributed in Baltimore City;
5 ~~authorizing certain portions of the grants to be distributed to maintain and~~
6 ~~improve public facilities and places;~~ specifying that a certain portion of the
7 grants to certain neighborhoods be distributed in a manner consistent with
8 certain adopted neighborhood priorities; specifying that a certain portion of the
9 grants to a neighborhood in the Northwest Community Planning Forum
10 Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan be distributed in a manner that is
11 consistent with that plan; authorizing a certain portion of the grants to be
12 distributed to a certain neighborhood after a certain video lottery operation
13 license is issued; requiring that a public hearing be held on a certain plan to
14 allocate certain funds; ~~authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore~~
15 ~~City to alter certain recommendations of the local development council under~~
16 ~~certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to the distribution of video lottery
17 local impact grants in Baltimore City.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – State Government

20 Section 9–1A–31

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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 – State Government**

4 9–1A–31.

5 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the local
6 impact grants provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle shall be distributed in the
7 following manner:

8 (i) 82% to the local jurisdictions with video lottery facilities,
9 based on each jurisdiction’s percentage of overall gross revenues from video lottery
10 terminals; and

11 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for
12 operations at a video lottery facility starting in fiscal year 2012 and ending in fiscal
13 year 2032, 18% to Baltimore City with the Pimlico Community Development Authority
14 acting as the local development council in accordance with subsection (d) of this
15 section, to be distributed primarily for capital projects benefiting economic and
16 community development in the following manner:

17 1. at least 75% in a manner that is consistent with the
18 Park Heights Master Plan ~~OR TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES~~
19 ~~AND PLACES~~; and

20 2. the remainder dedicated to the needs of:

21 A. any census blockgroup that Baltimore City identifies
22 as being located partly or entirely within 1 mile of Pimlico Race Course but not within
23 the boundaries of the Park Heights Master Plan IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT
24 WITH ADOPTED NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES; [and]

25 B. any neighborhood included in the Northwest
26 Community Planning Forum Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan IN A MANNER THAT
27 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED NORTHWEST COMMUNITY PLANNING
28 FORUM STRATEGIC NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES ~~OR TO~~
29 ~~MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PLACES~~; AND

30 C. BEGINNING AFTER A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION
31 LICENSE IS ISSUED TO A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IN BALTIMORE CITY, ANY
32 NEIGHBORHOOD WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED BY LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVENUE,
33 NORTHERN PARKWAY, DRUID PARK DRIVE, AND WABASH AVENUE IN A
34 MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH ADOPTED NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES.

1 (2) (i) Of the amount specified under paragraph (1)(ii) of this
2 subsection, \$1,000,000 shall be provided annually to Prince George's County to be used
3 for public safety projects in the community within 5 miles surrounding Rosecroft
4 Raceway.

5 (ii) The Legislative Policy Committee shall report its findings
6 and recommendations concerning the advisability of the continuation of the
7 distribution of funds after fiscal year 2032 to the Comptroller and, in accordance with
8 § 2-1246 of this article, the General Assembly, on or before November 1, 2030.

9 (3) Baltimore City and Prince George's County shall report to the
10 Legislative Policy Committee by December 31 of each year as to the distribution of the
11 funds provided under this section.

12 (4) Beginning after a video lottery operation license is issued to a
13 video lottery facility in Baltimore City, 100% of the local impact grants provided under
14 § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle from the proceeds of the video lottery facilities located in
15 Allegany, Cecil, and Worcester counties shall be distributed to the local jurisdictions in
16 which those video lottery facilities are located.

17 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this
18 subsection, local impact grants provided under subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section shall
19 be used for improvements primarily in the communities in immediate proximity to the
20 video lottery facilities and may be used for the following purposes:

21 (i) infrastructure improvements;

22 (ii) facilities;

23 (iii) public safety;

24 (iv) sanitation;

25 (v) economic and community development, including housing;

26 and

27 (vi) other public services and improvements.

28 (2) In Allegany County, local impact grants provided under subsection
29 (a)(1)(i) of this section may be used:

30 (i) for purposes listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection
31 throughout the county; and

32 (ii) to pay down the debt incurred by the county in the
33 construction and related costs for the golf course, lodge, and other improvements in
34 Rocky Gap State Park.

1 (3) In Baltimore City, local impact grants provided under subsection
2 (a)(1)(i) of this section shall be used for improvements in the communities in
3 immediate proximity to the video lottery facility and may be used for the following
4 purposes:

5 (i) infrastructure improvements;

6 (ii) facilities;

7 (iii) public safety;

8 (iv) sanitation;

9 (v) economic and community development, including housing;
10 and

11 (vi) other public services and improvements.

12 (c) (1) A local development council shall be established in each geographic
13 area where a video lottery facility is located.

14 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a local development
15 council shall consist of the following 15 members appointed by the chief executive of
16 the county in which the local development council is located, in consultation with the
17 Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and
18 the respective county councils, city councils, or county commissioners:

19 (i) one Senator who represents the district where the facility is
20 located;

21 (ii) two Delegates who represent the districts where the
22 communities surrounding the facility are located;

23 (iii) one representative of the video lottery operation licensee;

24 (iv) seven residents of the communities in immediate proximity
25 to the facility; and

26 (v) four representatives of businesses or institutions located in
27 immediate proximity to the facility.

28 (3) (i) If the video lottery facility is at a racetrack location at
29 Laurel Park, the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, the County Executive of
30 Prince George's County, and the County Executive of Howard County shall jointly
31 appoint the local development council.

1 (ii) If the video lottery facility is at a racetrack location at the
2 Ocean Downs Race Course:

3 1. the County Commissioners of Worcester County shall
4 appoint the local development council;

5 2. the Senator or the Senator's designee shall serve as a
6 member of the local development council; and

7 3. the Delegates or the Delegates' designees shall serve
8 as members of the local development council.

9 (d) (1) Prior to any expenditure of local impact grant funds provided
10 under § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle, a county or municipality shall develop, in
11 consultation with the local development council, a multiyear plan for the expenditure
12 of the local impact grant funds for services and improvements consistent with
13 subsection (b) of this section.

14 (2) A county or municipality shall submit the plan to the local
15 development council for review and comment before adopting the plan or expending
16 any grant funds.

17 (3) The local development council shall advise the county or
18 municipality on the impact of the facility on the communities and the needs and
19 priorities of the communities in immediate proximity to the facility.

20 (4) (i) A local development council shall have 45 days to review,
21 comment, and make recommendations on the plan required under this subsection.

22 (ii) **[On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF**
23 **THIS PARAGRAPH,** ON the request of a local development council, the county or
24 municipality shall hold a public hearing on the plan.

25 **(III) BALTIMORE CITY SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON**
26 **THE PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SUBSECTION**
27 **(A)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION.**

28 (5) ~~(i) [A] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS~~
29 ~~PARAGRAPH,~~ A county or municipality shall make best efforts to accommodate the
30 recommendations of the local development council and any testimony presented at the
31 hearing before adopting the plan required under this subsection.

32 ~~(ii) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY~~
33 ~~MAY ALTER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IF~~
34 ~~THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD RESULT IN UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP OR~~
35 ~~PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY.~~

1 (e) A video lottery operation licensee shall provide to the local development
2 council a master plan for the development of the site on which the video lottery facility
3 will be located.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.