

HOUSE BILL 115

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(6lr1320)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Reznik, Barkley, Barve, Brooks, Ebersole, Glenn, Jalisi, Kipke, Lam, McKay, Pena–Melnik, and K. Young**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Robotics Grant Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Robotics Grant Program; providing for the purpose of
4 the Program; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the
5 State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; requiring
6 the Governor to include a certain appropriation to the Program in the State budget;
7 authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to
8 the Robotics Grant Program.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–121
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-121.**

5 (A) (1) **THERE IS A ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

6 (2) **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**
7 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND NONPROFIT ROBOTICS CLUBS IN THE STATE TO SUPPORT ~~AND~~**
8 **~~EXPAND~~ EXISTING ROBOTICS PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF**
9 **ROBOTICS PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.**

10 (B) (1) **A SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS**
11 **SECTION IF THE SCHOOL:**

12 (1) **~~HAS~~ IS PROPOSING A NEW ROBOTICS PROGRAM OR CLUB OR HAS**
13 **AN EXISTING ROBOTICS PROGRAM OR CLUB; ~~OR,~~**

14 (2) **~~IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN~~ AN EXISTING NONPROFIT ROBOTICS**
15 **CLUB IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE NONPROFIT**
16 **ROBOTICS CLUB IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

17 (C) **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL**
18 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST ~~\$500,000~~ \$250,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

19 (D) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE**
20 **PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

21 (E) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
22 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2016.