

SENATE BILL 271

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment**
3 **Growth or Relocatable Classrooms – Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the
5 Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program
6 for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable
7 Classrooms each fiscal year; altering a certain reporting date; and generally relating
8 to funding for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant
9 Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 5–313
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Economic Development
17 Section 10–645(l)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – Education

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2 5–313.

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) “Program” means the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems
5 With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.6 (3) “Significant enrollment growth” means full–time equivalent enrollment
7 growth in a local school system that has exceeded 150% of the statewide average over the
8 past 5 years.9 (4) “Significant number of relocatable classrooms” means an average of
10 more than 300 relocatable classrooms in a local school system over the past 5 years.11 (b) (1) There is a Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With
12 Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.13 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants for public school
14 construction in local school systems that are experiencing significant enrollment growth or
15 a significant number of relocatable classrooms.16 (c) (1) The Program shall be implemented and administered by the
17 Interagency Committee on School Construction in accordance with this section.

18 (2) Grants awarded by the Interagency Committee under the Program:

19 (i) Shall be matched by local funds equal to the required local
20 cost–share established in accordance with § 5–301(d)(3) of this subtitle; and

21 (ii) Shall be approved by the Board of Public Works.

22 (d) The Interagency Committee shall:

23 (1) Provide grants from State funds dedicated for the Program to county
24 boards for public school construction in local school systems that are experiencing
25 significant enrollment growth or a significant number of relocatable classrooms;26 (2) Develop a procedure for a county board to apply for a grant under the
27 Program;28 (3) Develop eligibility requirements for a county board to receive a grant
29 under the Program, including a requirement for a county board to provide funds to match
30 a grant award; and

1 (4) Develop a process to allocate grant awards under the Program that
2 allocate funds based on each eligible county board's proportionate share of the total
3 full-time equivalent enrollment of the county boards that are eligible to participate in the
4 Program.

5 (e) [Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, in] IN addition
6 to the annual amount otherwise provided in the capital improvement program of the Public
7 School Construction Program, the Governor ANNUALLY shall provide [an additional
8 \$20,000,000 annually] AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS FOLLOWS in the capital
9 improvement program of the Public School Construction Program that may be used only to
10 award grants under the Program:

11 (1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, \$20,000,000; AND

12 (2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
13 \$40,000,000.

14 (f) The State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to and is not
15 intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for public school
16 construction purposes to a county board from any other source.

17 (g) The Interagency Committee shall adopt procedures necessary to implement
18 this section.

19 **Article – Economic Development**

20 10-645.

21 (l) On October 1, 2013, and each [October 1] JANUARY 15 thereafter, the
22 Authority, Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, and the
23 Interagency Committee on School Construction jointly shall report to the Governor, the
24 Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
25 the fiscal committees of the General Assembly, on the progress of replacements,
26 renovations, and maintenance of Baltimore City public school facilities, including actions:

27 (1) taken during the previous fiscal year; and

28 (2) planned for the current fiscal year.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
30 1, 2016.