

SENATE BILL 271

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to funding for the Capital Grant
8 Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or
9 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 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 5–313.

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

20 (2) “Program” means the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems
21 With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) “Significant enrollment growth” means full–time equivalent enrollment
2 growth in a local school system that has exceeded 150% of the statewide average over the
3 past 5 years.

4 (4) “Significant number of relocatable classrooms” means an average of
5 more than 300 relocatable classrooms in a local school system over the past 5 years.

6 (b) (1) There is a Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With
7 Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

8 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants for public school
9 construction in local school systems that are experiencing significant enrollment growth or
10 a significant number of relocatable classrooms.

11 (c) (1) The Program shall be implemented and administered by the
12 Interagency Committee on School Construction in accordance with this section.

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

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

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

17 (d) The Interagency Committee shall:

18 (1) Provide grants from State funds dedicated for the Program to county
19 boards for public school construction in local school systems that are experiencing
20 significant enrollment growth or a significant number of relocatable classrooms;

21 (2) Develop a procedure for a county board to apply for a grant under the
22 Program;

23 (3) Develop eligibility requirements for a county board to receive a grant
24 under the Program, including a requirement for a county board to provide funds to match
25 a grant award; and

26 (4) Develop a process to allocate grant awards under the Program that
27 allocate funds based on each eligible county board’s proportionate share of the total
28 full–time equivalent enrollment of the county boards that are eligible to participate in the
29 Program.

30 (e) [Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, in] **IN** addition
31 to the annual amount otherwise provided in the capital improvement program of the Public
32 School Construction Program, the Governor **ANNUALLY** shall provide [an additional
33 \$20,000,000 annually] **AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS FOLLOWS** in the capital

1 improvement program of the Public School Construction Program that may be used only to
2 award grants under the Program:

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

4 **(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
5 **\$40,000,000.**

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

9 (g) The Interagency Committee shall adopt procedures necessary to implement
10 this section.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
12 1, 2016.