

HOUSE BILL 1661

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By: **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Hayes, and Morales**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Schools and Child Care Centers – State Grant Program – Security Upgrades for**
3 **Facilities at Risk of Hate Crimes or Attacks**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Center for School Safety to make grants for
5 certain security–related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be
6 at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission;
7 authorizing certain schools or child care centers to apply to the Center for a certain
8 State grant; establishing the terms and conditions for the use of certain State grant
9 funds by certain recipients; providing that the funding for certain State grants shall
10 be as provided by the Governor in the State budget; authorizing the State Board of
11 Education, after consultation with the Center, to adopt certain regulations; defining
12 a certain term; and generally relating to a State Grant Program for Schools and Child
13 Care Centers at Risk of Hate Crimes or Attacks.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 7–1502.1

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **7–1502.1.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CHILD CARE CENTER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
24 **§ 9.5–401 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE CENTER MAY MAKE GRANTS TO SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE**
2 **CENTERS DETERMINED TO BE AT RISK OF HATE CRIMES OR ATTACKS BECAUSE OF**
3 **THEIR IDEOLOGY, BELIEFS, OR MISSION FOR SECURITY-RELATED TECHNOLOGY**
4 **AND SECURITY-RELATED FACILITY UPGRADES.**

5 **(C) ANY SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE CENTER DETERMINED TO BE AT RISK OF**
6 **HATE CRIMES OR ATTACKS BECAUSE OF ITS IDEOLOGY, BELIEFS, OR MISSION BY THE**
7 **CENTER MAY APPLY TO THE CENTER FOR A STATE GRANT TO BE APPLIED TOWARD**
8 **THE COST OF A SECURITY-RELATED PROJECT.**

9 **(D) THE ALLOCATION AND USE OF STATE FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE**
10 **SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

11 **(1) STATE FUNDS MAY BE USED ONLY FOR FUNDING ADDITIONAL**
12 **SECURITY TRAINING NEEDS, SECURITY CAMERAS, SECURITY-RELATED**
13 **TECHNOLOGY, DOOR-HARDENING, IMPROVED LIGHTING, OR OTHER**
14 **SECURITY-RELATED FACILITY UPGRADES; AND**

15 **(2) THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE GRANT FOR ANY PROJECT SHALL BE**
16 **DETERMINED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, THE TOTAL OF**
17 **THE UNALLOCATED STATE FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS**
18 **RECEIVED, AND THE PRIORITIES OF AREA NEED AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE**
19 **CENTER.**

20 **(E) FUNDING FOR THE STATE GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AS**
21 **PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.**

22 **(F) THE STATE BOARD, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CENTER, MAY**
23 **ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR RECEIVING AND CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS AND FOR**
24 **DISBURSING FUNDS TO APPLICANTS.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2017.