

HB1783/403723/1

BY: Senator Bates

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1783
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, in line 34, after the semicolon insert “establishing the Safe Schools Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; specifying that money expended from the Fund is supplemental to certain other funds; exempting the Fund from certain provisions of law requiring interest on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State;”.

On page 5, in line 23, after the semicolon insert “requiring a certain portion of certain supplemental funding to be used in a certain fiscal year for school safety capital grants;”; in line 27, after the semicolon insert “making certain provisions of this Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment;”; and in line 39, strike “5-317” and substitute “5-317.1”.

On page 6, in line 16, after “6-226(a)(2)(ii)103.” insert “and 104.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 39, after line 4, insert:

“5-317.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE SAFE SCHOOLS FUND.

(B) THERE IS A SAFE SCHOOLS FUND.

(Over)

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 5-317 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, \$50,000,000 APPROPRIATED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM THE REVENUE RAISED FROM VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS UNDER ARTICLE XIX, § 1 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION;

(2) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1A-30 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(3) ANY OTHER MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(4) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

(5) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 5-317 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS AND OTHER SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED TO COUNTY BOARDS.”.

On page 43, in line 32, strike “AND”; and in line 34, after “FUND” insert “;AND”

104. THE SAFE SCHOOLS FUND”.

On page 53, after line 26, insert:

“SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in fiscal year 2020, \$125,000,000 of the supplemental funding raised under Article XIX, § 1(c) of the Maryland Constitution shall be appropriated for school safety capital grants.

(Over)

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 12 of this Act is contingent on the passage of S.B. 1122 or H.B. 1697 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, a constitutional amendment, and its ratification by the voters of the State.”;

in lines 27 and 33, strike “12.” and “13.”, respectively, and substitute “14.” and “15.”, respectively; and in line 33, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 13 of this Act.”.