

HOUSE BILL 1731

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By: **Delegate Haynes**

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2018

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Student Peer Mediation Program Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Student Peer Mediation Program Fund as a special,
4 nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose, use, and contents of the Fund; requiring the
5 Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to
6 administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the
7 Comptroller, in conjunction with the Executive Director, to account for the Fund;
8 requiring the Governor to annually appropriate a certain amount for the Fund;
9 providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing
10 that expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State
11 budget; providing that the accounts and transactions of the Fund shall be subject to
12 a certain audit; requiring the Executive Director to establish certain procedures for
13 the disbursement of money from the Fund and, subject to a certain priority, award
14 grants from the Fund; requiring that an applicant provide the Executive Director
15 with certain information; specifying that money distributed from the Fund shall be
16 used to supplement, and not supplant, certain other funding; defining certain terms;
17 and generally relating to the Student Peer Mediation Program Fund.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Public Safety

20 Section 4–801 through 4–803 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Student Peer
21 Mediation Program Fund”

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

25 Article – State Finance and Procurement

26 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

28 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Finance and Procurement
3 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – State Finance and Procurement
8 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)103.
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 **SUBTITLE 8. STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.**

15 **4–801.**

16 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
19 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

20 (C) “FUND” MEANS THE STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.

21 (D) “STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT
22 TRAINS STUDENTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

23 **4–802.**

24 (A) THERE IS A STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.

25 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO
26 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY–BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO
27 ESTABLISH STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS TO REDUCE JUVENILE
28 VIOLENCE.

29 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

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

1 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY**
2 **AND THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,**
3 **SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

4 **(E) (1) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

5 **(I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE**
6 **FUND;**

7 **(II) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

8 **(III) MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE**
9 **BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

10 **(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE AT LEAST**
11 **\$250,000 FOR THE FUND.**

12 **(F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO**
13 **SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO**
14 **ESTABLISH STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS TO REDUCE JUVENILE**
15 **VIOLENCE.**

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

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

20 **(H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**
21 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

22 **(I) THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT**
23 **TO AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE**
24 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

25 **4-803.**

26 **(A) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR**
27 **SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO APPLY**
28 **FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.**

29 **(2) A SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT APPLIES**

1 FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH:

2 (I) A PLAN THAT DETAILS HOW THE PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL
3 TRAIN STUDENTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES; AND

4 (II) ANY INFORMATION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEEMS
5 NECESSARY.

6 (B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO
7 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

8 (C) MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT,
9 AND NOT SUPPLANT, ANY OTHER FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE
10 TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

11 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

12 6–226.

13 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
14 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
15 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
16 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
17 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
18 Fund of the State.

19 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
20 to the following funds:

21 101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]

22 102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; AND

23 **103. THE STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2018.