

# SENATE BILL 326

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program –**  
3 **Administration Resources**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to hire an additional  
5 employee for the administration of the Public School Opportunities Enhancement  
6 Program; authorizing the Department to retain a reasonable portion of a certain  
7 appropriation to administer a certain program; and generally relating to the Public  
8 School Opportunities Enhancement Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 1–101(a) and (f), 7–1701(a) and (f), and 7–1703(a) and (b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Education  
16 Section 7–1703(i)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 1–101.

23 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have  
24 the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) "Department" means the State Department of Education.

2 7-1701.

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

4 (f) "Program" means the Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program.

5 7-1703.

6 (a) There is a Public School Opportunities Enhancement Grant in the Program.

7 (b) (1) The Department shall develop and administer the grant program to  
8 assist:

9 (i) Local school systems, community schools, and nonprofit  
10 organizations in the State in expanding or creating extended day and summer  
11 enhancement programs; and

12 (ii) Nonprofit organizations in the State and community schools in  
13 expanding or supporting existing educational programming during the school day.

14 (2) (i) The Department shall establish policies and procedures for the  
15 administration of the grant program, including:

16 1. The grant application process; and

17 2. Criteria for awarding grants under this subtitle.

18 (ii) When awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, the  
19 Department shall give priority to:

20 1. Maryland-based nonprofit organizations; and

21 2. Nonprofit organizations operating in Maryland on or  
22 before July 1, 2016.

23 **(1) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HIRE AN EMPLOYEE TO ADMINISTER**  
24 **THE PROGRAM.**

25 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN A REASONABLE PORTION OF THE**  
26 **APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER § 7-1704 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ADMINISTER**  
27 **THE PROGRAM.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
29 1, 2018.