

SENATE BILL 438

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By: **Senator Ramirez**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Nonprofit Youth Development Program –**
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Nonprofit Youth Development Program in the State
5 Department of Education; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the
6 State Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the People for Change
7 Coalition, Inc., to develop and administer the Program; requiring the Governor to
8 include a certain appropriation to the Program in each annual budget submission
9 beginning in a certain fiscal year; requiring a certain nonprofit organization to
10 submit a certain application to the State Superintendent to apply for grants from the
11 Program; requiring the State Superintendent to review certain applications and
12 award certain grants in a certain priority; requiring a certain percentage of grant
13 funds to be awarded to certain programs; limiting the amount a grantee may be
14 awarded each year; requiring the State Superintendent to adopt certain regulations;
15 defining certain terms; and generally relating to grants to nonprofit organizations to
16 support youth development programming.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Education
19 Section 2–306
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **2–306.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 **(2) “QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT**
4 **ORGANIZATION THAT:**

5 **(I) IS BASED IN THE STATE;**

6 **(II) IS INCORPORATED OR REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF**
7 **THE STATE;**

8 **(III) IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER § 501(C)(3),**
9 **(4), OR (6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;**

10 **(IV) HAS GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES OF \$500,000 OR LESS;**

11 **(V) IS CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF ALL TAX OBLIGATIONS TO**
12 **THE STATE OR ANY UNIT OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND**

13 **(VI) HAS BEEN IN ACTIVE BUSINESS FOR 3 YEARS OR MORE AT**
14 **THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

15 **(3) “YOUTH” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD**
16 **AND UNDER THE AGE OF 23 YEARS.**

17 **(B) (1) THERE IS A NONPROFIT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT.**

19 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE NONPROFIT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**
20 **PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
21 **WHOSE MISSION AND PROGRAMS TARGET AT-RISK YOUTH USING STRATEGIES THAT:**

22 **(I) PREPARE YOUTH WITH SOFT SKILLS FOR JOB READINESS;**

23 **(II) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH ON THE PATH FOR**
24 **ENTREPRENEURSHIP;**

25 **(III) DEVELOP MEANINGFUL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS THAT**
26 **IMPACT THE LIVES OF YOUTH;**

27 **(IV) IMPROVE YOUTH SKILLS IN TECHNOLOGY; AND**

28 **(V) ENGAGE YOUTH IN MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE**

1 ACTIVITIES.

2 (C) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PEOPLE
3 FOR CHANGE COALITION, INC., SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE NONPROFIT
4 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5 (D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
6 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION AT LEAST
7 \$1,000,000 FOR GRANTS PROVIDED THROUGH THE NONPROFIT YOUTH
8 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

9 (E) (1) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR A PROGRAM THAT FURTHERS THE
10 PURPOSE OF THE NONPROFIT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, A QUALIFYING
11 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE
12 SUPERINTENDENT.

13 (2) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

14 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE
15 PROGRAM;

16 (II) A BUSINESS PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE ESTIMATED TOTAL
17 COST OF THE PROGRAM;

18 (III) MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND TIMELINES FOR THE
19 IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM; AND

20 (IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE
21 SUPERINTENDENT.

22 (F) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S
23 DESIGNEE SHALL:

24 (1) REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE
25 WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION;

26 (2) AWARD GRANTS TO QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
27 THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A GRANT TO FUND CAREER DEVELOPMENT,
28 ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION, OR TECHNOLOGY TRAINING; AND

29 (3) GIVE PRIORITY FOR GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN
30 BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

1 **(G) GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE AWARDED TO QUALIFYING NONPROFIT**
2 **ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES:**

3 **(1) 30% TO ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAMS THAT**
4 **ARE CREATED TO FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE NONPROFIT YOUTH**
5 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; AND**

6 **(2) 70% TO ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT**
7 **FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE NONPROFIT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

8 **(H) AN AWARD MADE TO A GRANTEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$50,000 EACH YEAR.**

9 **(I) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**
10 **IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2018.