

SENATE BILL 665

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By: **Senators Bates, Salling, Simonaire, and Waugh**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Robotics Grant Program – Nonprofit Robotics Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for certain nonprofit robotics clubs
4 to receive a grant under the Robotics Grant Program; and generally relating to the
5 Robotics Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 7–123
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 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 – Education**

14 7–123.

15 (a) (1) There is a Robotics Grant Program in the State.

16 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to public schools and
17 nonprofit robotics clubs in the State to support existing robotics programs and to increase
18 the number of robotics programs in the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) (1) A school is eligible to receive a grant under this section if the school is
2 proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing robotics program or club.

3 (2) An existing nonprofit robotics club is eligible to receive a grant under
4 this section [if] **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER** the nonprofit robotics club is associated with
5 a public school.

6 (c) The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation of at
7 least \$250,000 to the Program.

8 (d) The Department shall implement and administer the Program in accordance
9 with this section.

10 (e) The Department may adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
13 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.