SENATE BILL 180

By: Senator King
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2019
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility requirements for the Robotics Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations and community clubs; repealing the requirement for existing nonprofit robotics clubs to be associated with a public school to be eligible for the Program; requiring the Governor to increase a certain appropriation to the Program in the State budget; and generally relating to the Robotics Grant Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–123

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–123.

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

(2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to public schools [and], nonprofit [robotics] ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY clubs in the State to support existing robotics programs and to increase the number of robotics programs in the State.

(b) [(1)] A school, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A COMMUNITY CLUB is eligible to receive a grant under this section if the school, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,
OR COMMUNITY CLUB is proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing robotics program or club.

[(2) An existing nonprofit robotics club is eligible to receive a grant under this section if the nonprofit robotics club is associated with a public school.]

(c) The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation of at least \([\$250,000] \text{ or } \$500,000\) to the Program.

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.