

SENATE BILL 180

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CF HB 132

By: Senator King

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–123

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–123.

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT**
19 **ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES A MAJORITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL YOUTH WITH AN**

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 **OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME EXPERIENCE THAT FOCUSES ON PERSONAL AND**
2 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

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

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

8 ~~(b) (C)~~ ~~{(1)}~~ A school, ~~A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A COMMUNITY~~
9 ~~CLUB OR AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION~~ is eligible to receive a grant under this section if
10 the school, ~~NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY~~
11 ~~CLUB~~ is proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing robotics program or
12 club.

13 ~~{(2)}~~ An ~~existing nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION** is
14 eligible to receive a grant under this section **ONLY** if the ~~nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE**
15 **ORGANIZATION** is associated with a public school.}

16 ~~(e) (D)~~ The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation
17 of at least ~~[\$250,000]~~ ~~\$500,000~~ **\$350,000** to the Program.

18 ~~(e) (E)~~ The Department shall implement and administer the Program in
19 accordance with this section.

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

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.