SENATE BILL 463

By: Senator West
Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor annually to appropriate a certain amount for the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish certain procedures for the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

BY adding to Article – Public Safety Section 4–1501 through 4–1503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Police Athletic League Grant Fund” Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

SUBTITLE 15. POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.

4–1501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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(C) “FUND” means the Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

(D) “Police athletic league programs” means programs:

(1) operated by local governments or organizations in conjunction with National Police Athletic Activities Leagues, Inc. or any of its membership chapters; and

(2) designed to build relationships among youth, police, and the community by offering educational and extracurricular activities to participating youth with the goal of preventing juvenile crime.

4–1502.

(A) There is a Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

(B) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grant assistance to local governments and organizations to create and support police athletic league programs.

(C) The Executive Director shall administer the Fund.

(D) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 for the Fund.

(E) The Fund may be used only to provide grants to local governments and organizations for the purposes established under subsection (B) of this section.

4–1503.

The Executive Director shall establish procedures for local governments and organizations to apply for grants from the Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.