HOUSE BILL 415

B1, F5

By: The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates Anderton, Boteler, Buckel, Chisholm, Ghrist, Griffith, Hartman, Hornberger, Howard, Jacobs, Kipke, Kittleman, Krebs, Mangione, McComas, McKay, Metzgar, Morgan, Munoz, Novotny, Otto, Parrott, Reilly, Saab, Shoemaker, Szeliwa, Thiam, and Wivell

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2022
Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Operating Budget – Funding – Scholarships for Nonpublic School Students

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for certain fiscal years appropriations of certain amounts for certain scholarships for nonpublic school students; and generally relating to the operating budget and funding for scholarships for nonpublic school students.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–332
Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

7–332.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOOST PROGRAM” MEANS THE BROADENING OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TODAY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM TO ATTEND ELIGIBLE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.
(b) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill a general fund appropriation in the following amounts for the BOOST Program:

1. $10,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
2. $12,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
3. $14,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and
4. $16,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.