A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Public Schools – Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures – Increase

3 FOR the purpose of increasing certain annual appropriations for certain school safety
4 expenditures beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to
5 appropriations for school safety expenditures.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 7–1508(e) and 7–1512(a) and (b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 7–1508(g) and 7–1512(g)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 Article – Education

19 7–1508.

20 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall
21 file a report with the Center identifying:

22 (i) The public high schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction
that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

(ii) If a public high school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be provided to the public high school.

(2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

(i) The public schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

(ii) If a public school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be provided to the public school.

(3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(g) (1) (I) [For] BEGINNING IN fiscal year 2020 and [each fiscal year thereafter] ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $10,000,000 to the Fund for the purpose of providing grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting the requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF $20,000,000 TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE IDENTIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) Grants provided under this subsection shall be made to each local school system based on the number of schools in each school system in proportion to the total number of public schools in the State in the prior year.

7–1512.

(a) There is a Safe Schools Fund.

(b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to local school systems to enhance school safety.

(g) [Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least $10,000,000 of the money in the Fund] THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS shall be used to provide grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies as provided under
§ 7–1508 of this subtitle:

(1) **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, $10,000,000; AND**

(2) **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, $20,000,000.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.