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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation Plans and Fund – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering certain dates for the development, adoption, and submission of certain plans to implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; altering the date by which criteria to evaluate certain implementation plans must be developed; altering the distribution of certain sales and use tax revenues to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; authorizing certain entities or programs to retain the unspent portion of a certain appropriation for a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–206(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–206(f)(1) and 5–404(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–404(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 55 and 147 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session)

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

Article – Education

5–206.

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.

(f) The Fund consists of:

(1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under Title 9, Subtitles 1D and 1E of the State Government Article and §§ 2–4A–02, 2–605.1, [2–1302.1,] and 2–1303 of the Tax – General Article;

5–404.

(a) (1) The Board shall develop a Comprehensive Implementation Plan to implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, considering any input provided by interested stakeholders in the State.

(2) The Comprehensive Implementation Plan shall include a timeline for implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future with key milestones to be achieved by each State or local government unit required to implement an element of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future for each year of the implementation period.

(3) The Comprehensive Implementation Plan shall include the intended outcomes that the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future will achieve.


(ii) Any changes to the Comprehensive Implementation Plan shall be adopted by the Board no later than August 1 of each year.
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(b) (1) The Board shall adopt guidelines for entities required to submit and carry out implementation plans under this section that include establishing a maximum page length, including appendices, for implementation plans.

(2) State and local government units responsible for implementing an element of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future shall develop implementation plans consistent with the Comprehensive Implementation Plan that describe the goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to improve student achievement and meet the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future recommendations for each segment of the student population.

(3) (i) [After February 15, 2022, and no later than April 1, 2022] ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, the Department shall develop criteria to be used to recommend approval or disapproval of local school system implementation plans and release of funds under this subtitle.

(ii) The criteria shall be submitted for approval to the Board.

(c) (1) (i) 1. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, each unit responsible for developing an implementation plan under this section shall submit the plan to the Board for approval on or before [June 15, 2022] MARCH 15, 2023.

2. The Juvenile Services Education Program Superintendent shall submit the plan to the Board for approval on or before June 15, 2023.

(ii) Each local school system shall submit a copy of its plan to the Department for review and a recommendation of approval or disapproval.

(2) Governmental units shall submit implementation plans on elements of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future under this subsection, including:

(i) Plans from each local school system to implement each element of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, including how to:

1. Adapt curriculum, instruction, and the organization of the school day to enable more students to achieve college and career readiness by the end of 10th grade, to provide students with needed services including community–partnered behavioral health services if appropriate, and to identify students who are falling behind and develop a plan to get them back on track;

2. Close student achievement gaps listed under § 5–408(a)(2)(i) of this subtitle within the local school system;

3. Avoid the disproportionate placement of students with particular racial, ethnic, linguistic, economic, or disability status characteristics with novice teachers or teachers providing instruction in fields in which they lack expertise; and
4. Use additional funds for teacher collaborative time in accordance with Title 6, Subtitle 10 of this article prioritized based on availability of a sufficient number of high–quality teachers;

(ii) The joint plan of the Department and the Maryland Higher Education Commission for teacher preparation and training that meets the requirements under Title 6 of this article;

(iii) A plan from the Department for the expansion and coordination of Judy Centers under § 5–230 of this title and a plan for the expansion of community–based family support centers under Title 9.5, Subtitle 10 of this article;

(iv) The Department’s plan for selection, assembly, and deployment of expert review teams under § 5–411 of this subtitle;

(v) The Department’s plan for implementing the teacher career ladder and training Maryland teachers, school leaders, and administrators under Title 6, Subtitle 10 of this article;

(vi) The Career and Technical Education Committee plan for developing rigorous CTE pathways under § 21–207 of this article;

(vii) Plans from each local school system on proposed memoranda of understanding for prekindergarten in accordance with § 7–1A–05 of this article;

(viii) A plan from the Juvenile Services Education Program Superintendent on the proposed education of juveniles under Title 9, Subtitle 6 of the Human Services Article; and

(ix) Any other implementation plans the Board determines are necessary.

(3) An implementation plan submitted to the Board for approval under this section shall be:

(i) Consistent with the developed guidelines and, if applicable, the approved criteria under subsection (b) of this section; and

(ii) Concise and focused on the measures taken and the measures to be taken to implement and achieve the Blueprint’s goals.

(4) A responsible government unit shall amend the implementation plan until it is approved by the Board.
After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 and 2–1302 of this subtitle, of the sales and use tax collected[:]

(1) under § 11–104(c) and (c–1) of this article on short–term vehicle rentals and peer–to–peer car sharing, the Comptroller shall distribute:

[(i) (1) 45% to the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3–216 of the Transportation Article; and

[(ii) (2) the remainder to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund[: and

(2) on the sale or use of a digital product or digital code under Title 11 of this article the Comptroller shall distribute 100% to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund established under § 5–206 of the Education Article].

(a) After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 through 2–1302.1 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay:

(1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under § 10–130 of the Economic Development Article;

(2) [subject to subsection (b) of this section,] to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund established under [§ 5–219] § 5–206 of the Education Article, [revenues collected and remitted by] THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGE OF THE REMAINING SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES:

[(i) a marketplace facilitator; or

(ii) a person that engages in the business of an out–of–state vendor and that is required to collect and remit sales and use tax as specified in COMAR 03.06.01.33B(5):]

(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, 12.3%;

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 12.5%;

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, 12.9%;

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, 13.3%; AND
(V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, 13.8%; and

(3) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund of the State.

(b) For each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall pay into the General Fund of the State the first $100,000,000 of revenues collected and remitted by:

(1) a marketplace facilitator; or

(2) a person that engages in the business of an out-of-state vendor and that is required to collect and remit sales and use tax as specified in COMAR 03.06.01.33B(5).]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any entity or program that receives a supplementary appropriation under Section 6 of Chapter 356 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021 may retain any special funds received for the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, as defined in § 5–401 of the Education Article, that were not spent in fiscal year 2022.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.