

SENATE BILL 96

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Parks and Playgrounds Program – Charles County – Basketball**
3 **Courts**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to make
5 grants available to Charles County for the construction and maintenance of
6 basketball courts at county parks with baseball fields; requiring the governing body
7 of Charles County to apply for grants under this Act and use the grant funding for
8 the construction and maintenance of basketball courts at county parks with baseball
9 fields; and generally relating to the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 5–9C–02
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 5–9C–04
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Natural Resources**

23 5–9C–02.

24 (a) The General Assembly declares that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) It is State public policy to both restore existing park and green space
 2 systems and create new park and green space systems in the municipal corporations of the
 3 State [and], Baltimore City, **AND CHARLES COUNTY**; and

4 (2) Funding sources in the form of flexible grants shall be made available
 5 to [the]:

6 (I) **THE** governing bodies of municipal corporations and Baltimore
 7 City to:

8 [(i)] 1. Rehabilitate, expand, improve, or maintain existing parks;

9 [(ii)] 2. Purchase land to create new parks;

10 [(iii)] 3. Develop new parks;

11 [(iv)] 4. Purchase and install playground equipment in urban
 12 neighborhoods and rural areas throughout the State; or

13 [(v)] 5. Be used for environmentally oriented parks and recreation
 14 projects; **AND**

15 (II) **CHARLES COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND**
 16 **MAINTENANCE OF BASKETBALL COURTS AT COUNTY PARKS WITH BASEBALL FIELDS.**

17 (b) (1) There is a Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to provide
 18 flexible grants to the governing bodies of municipal corporations [and], Baltimore City,
 19 **AND CHARLES COUNTY** for the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

20 (2) The Department's Program Open Space shall administer the Program.

21 (c) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

22 **5-9C-04.**

23 **THE GOVERNING BODY OF CHARLES COUNTY SHALL:**

24 (1) **APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER § 5-9C-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

25 (2) **USE GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED UNDER § 5-9C-02 OF THIS**
 26 **SUBTITLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BASKETBALL COURTS AT**
 27 **COUNTY PARKS WITH BASEBALL FIELDS.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

1 October 1, 2022.