

SENATE BILL 127

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By: **Senator West**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Athletic League ~~Grant Fund~~ Establishment Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund~~ requiring the
4 Governor to include in the budget bill for a certain fiscal year an appropriation to the
5 Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to provide grant
6 assistance to local governments and organizations to create and support police
7 athletic league programs; ~~requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office~~
8 ~~of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer and establish~~
9 ~~procedures for the Fund;~~ and generally relating to ~~the Police Athletic League Grant~~
10 ~~Fund~~ police athletic league programs.

11 ~~BY adding to~~

12 ~~Article – Public Safety~~

13 ~~Section 4-1601 through 4-1603 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Police~~
14 ~~Athletic League Grant Fund”~~

15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

16 ~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

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

19 ~~Article – Public Safety~~

20 ~~SUBTITLE 16. POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~4-1601.~~

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

4 ~~(B) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE~~
5 ~~GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.~~

6 ~~(C) "FUND" MEANS THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.~~

7 ~~(D) "POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS" MEANS PROGRAMS OPERATED~~
8 ~~BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BUILD~~
9 ~~RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUTH, POLICE, AND THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING~~
10 ~~EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATING YOUTH~~
11 ~~WITH THE GOAL OF PREVENTING JUVENILE CRIME.~~

12 ~~4-1602.~~

13 ~~(A) THERE IS A POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.~~

14 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO~~
15 ~~LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT POLICE~~
16 ~~ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS.~~

17 ~~(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.~~

18 ~~(D) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE~~
19 ~~ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE FUND.~~

20 ~~(E) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL~~
21 ~~GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED UNDER~~
22 ~~SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

23 ~~4-1603.~~

24 ~~THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL~~
25 ~~GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.~~

26 (a) For fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an
27 appropriation of \$500,000 to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim
28 Services to be used to provide grants to local governments and organizations to create and
29 support police athletic league programs that are designed to build relationships among
30 youth, police, and the community by offering educational and extracurricular activities to
31 participating youth with the goal of preventing juvenile crime.

1 (b) On or before December 1, 2022, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention,
2 Youth, and Victim Services shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §
3 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

4 (1) the number of police athletic league programs and programs with
5 similar objectives, including programs that do not receive State funding, in the State; and

6 (2) the potential for police athletic league programs to change behavior in
7 the communities in which the programs are implemented.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.