SENATE BILL 127

By: Senator West
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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund—Establishment Programs

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

BY adding to
Article—Public Safety
Section 4–1601 through 4–1603 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Police Athletic League Grant Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article—Public Safety

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.
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4–1601.

(A) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.

(C) “Fund” means the Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

(D) “Police athletic league programs” means programs operated by local governments or organizations that are designed to build relationships among youth, police, and the community by offering educational and extracurricular activities to participating youth with the goal of preventing juvenile crime.

4–1602.

(A) There is a Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

(B) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grant assistance to local governments and organizations to create and support police athletic league programs.

(C) The Executive Director shall administer the Fund.

(D) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the Fund.

(E) The Fund may be used only to provide grants to local governments and organizations for the purposes established under subsection (B) of this section.

4–1603.

The Executive Director shall establish procedures for local governments and organizations to apply for grants from the Fund.

(a) For fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to be used to provide grants to local governments and organizations to create and support police athletic league programs that are designed to build relationships among youth, police, and the community by offering educational and extracurricular activities to participating youth with the goal of preventing juvenile crime.
(b) On or before December 1, 2022, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.