

HOUSE BILL 751

E4

3lr2307
CF SB 580

By: **Delegate Bridges**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 10, 2023

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant
4 Fund; ~~requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain~~
5 ~~appropriation to the Fund to provide grant assistance to local law enforcement~~
6 ~~agencies~~; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim
7 Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and the General
8 Assembly annually on the uses of the Fund; and generally relating to the Officer and
9 Community Wellness Training Grant Fund.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety

12 Section 4–1012

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **4–1012.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

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 (2) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
2 THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.

3 (3) “FUND” MEANS THE OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
4 TRAINING GRANT FUND.

5 (4) “LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS ~~A POLICE~~
6 ~~DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY~~ A GOVERNMENTAL POLICE FORCE,
7 SHERIFF’S OFFICE, OR SECURITY FORCE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION OF
8 THE STATE OR A COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE THAT BY
9 STATUTE, ORDINANCE, OR COMMON LAW IS AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THE
10 GENERAL CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE.

11 (B) THERE IS AN OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINING GRANT
12 FUND.

13 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR:

15 (1) MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING; AND

16 (2) CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT PEER SUPPORT
17 TRAINING.

18 (D) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND
19 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

20 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
21 GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION
22 ~~OF AT LEAST \$1,000,000~~ FOR THE FUND.

23 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

24 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

25 (2) MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT
26 OF THE FUND.

27 (G) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
28 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

1 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY**
2 **AND THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,**
3 **SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

4 **(H) MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED SOLELY TO**
5 **SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, FUNDS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL LAW**
6 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

7 **(I) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE END OF A GRANT CYCLE, AN ELIGIBLE**
8 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION**
9 **SHALL SUBMIT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE**
10 **FOLLOWING:**

11 **(1) PROOF OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANT FUNDS AND THE**
12 **PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED;**

13 **(2) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED AND AMOUNT PER**
14 **POLICE OFFICER;**

15 **(3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED SEPARATED BY**
16 **TRAINING PROGRAM; AND**

17 **(4) ANY RELATED OUTCOME-BASED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS**
18 **REQUIRED BY § 4-1009 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

19 **(J) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH**
20 **DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE**
21 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
22 **ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS**
23 **SECTION.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2023.