

HOUSE BILL 1275

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By: **Delegate D. Barnes**

Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2023

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Youth Sports Enhancement Grant Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Sports Enhancement Grant Program to provide
5 grants to certain organizations that provide sports programming to youth from
6 underserved communities in the State; requiring the State Department of Education
7 to implement and administer the Grant Program; and generally relating to the Youth
8 Sports Enhancement Grant Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–132
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–132.**

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

20 **(2) “ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**
21 **THAT PROVIDES SPORTS PROGRAMMING TO YOUTH FROM UNDERSERVED**
22 **COMMUNITIES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE YOUTH SPORTS ENHANCEMENT**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 **(4) "YOUTH FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES" MEANS YOUTH**
4 **WHO:**

5 **(I) QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS;**

6 **(II) ARE HOMELESS; OR**

7 **(III) LIVE IN AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A**
8 **QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONE IN THE STATE UNDER § 1400Z-1 OF THE INTERNAL**
9 **REVENUE CODE.**

10 **(B) THERE IS A YOUTH SPORTS ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN THE**
11 **STATE.**

12 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**
13 **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE THAT OFFER SPORTS PROGRAMMING TO**
14 **YOUTH FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.**

15 **(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
16 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
17 **\$400,000 TO THE GRANT PROGRAM.**

18 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

19 **(1) IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND**

20 **(2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ELIGIBLE**
21 **ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY TO THE GRANT PROGRAM.**

22 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
23 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

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