

Chapter 747

(Senate Bill 841)

AN ACT concerning

Local School Systems – Student Field Trips – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of funding in the annual budget bill for the State Department of Education to provide grants to local school systems for expenses related to certain student field trips; and generally relating to funding for local school systems for student field trips.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–132

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Education

7–132.

(A) IN THIS SECTION:

(1) “MUSEUM OF CULTURAL IMPORT” MEANS A MUSEUM THAT PROVIDES HISTORIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF AN OPPRESSED AND HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITY, LEAVING ATTENDEES WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ALL PEOPLE’S SHARED HUMANITY; AND

(2) “MUSEUM OF CULTURAL IMPORT” INCLUDES:

(I) THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM;

(II) THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE;

(III) THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF MARYLAND; AND

(IV) THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FOR ANY RELATED EXPENSES FOR STUDENT FIELD TRIPS TO:

- (1)** ~~THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM;~~
- (2)** ~~THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE;~~
- (3)** ~~THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF MARYLAND; AND~~
- (4)** ~~THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.~~

(B) ~~ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ON:~~

- (1)** ~~THE NAME OF EACH SCHOOL THAT RECEIVED A GRANT;~~
- (2)** ~~THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT;~~
- (3)** ~~THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND THEIR GRADE LEVEL WHO BENEFITED FROM THE GRANT;~~
- (4)** ~~THE DESTINATION OF THE FIELD TRIP; AND~~
- (5)** ~~THE TYPE OF EXPENSES FOR WHICH THE GRANT WAS USED~~
~~MUSEUMS OF CULTURAL IMPORT.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.