

HB1482/383122/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1482  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike lines 2 and 3 and substitute “**Uninsured Driving Penalties – Funding for the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, Driver Education, and Transportation to Field Trips**”; in line 4, strike “penalties” and substitute “the penalty”; in line 5, before the semicolon insert “and the distribution of the revenue derived from the penalties”; in line 7, after the semicolon insert “establishing the Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program to provide grants to public high schools and nonprofit organizations to assist public high schools in offering driver education courses to students; establishing the State–Aided Institutions Field Trip Grant Program to assist public schools in transporting students to field trips at State–aided educational institutions; establishing the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund and the State–Aided Institutions Field Trip Fund as special, nonlapsing funds;”; in line 8, strike “the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and” and substitute “penalties for”; in line 9, after “driving” insert “, the distribution of the revenue derived from the penalties, driver education, transportation to school field trips, and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund”; and after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–414

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–414.1 and 7–810

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 10, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “\$10”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“Article – Education

7-414.

(a) (1) Each county board may offer instruction in the safe operation of a motor vehicle to high school students who are 15 years old or older.

(2) The instruction shall be given as provided by Title 16, Subtitle 5 of the Transportation Article.

(3) Each county board shall determine whether the course is an elective or a required course.

(4) The State Board shall determine what credit, if any, is allowed to successful students of the course.

(b) The principal of each school that offers the driver education course shall arrange the time set aside for actual driving instruction so that it does not interfere with other school work.

(c) (1) Each motor vehicle used for instruction shall bear the identification required by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

(2) If practicable, the actual driving instruction shall be conducted on private or public property that is removed from State roads.

7-414.1.

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

(2) "FUND" MEANS THE DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FUND.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN OFFERING DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES FOR STUDENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-414 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

(2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM;

AND

(3) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

(E) (1) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE FUND, A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED, OR THAT WILL BE PAID OR INCURRED, TO OFFER A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE FOR STUDENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-414 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) WHEN MAKING GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE:

(i) PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AT WHICH AT LEAST 40% OF THE REGISTERED STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM; AND

(Over)

(II) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO OFFER A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE IN A SCHOOL AT WHICH AT LEAST 40% OF THE REGISTERED STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM.

(F) (1) THERE IS A DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FUND.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

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

(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(4) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(I) MONEY RECEIVED BY THE FUND FROM FINES FOR VEHICLE SECURITY LAPSES UNDER § 17-106 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

(II) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(5) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR:

(I) PROVIDING GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND

(II) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM.

(6) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(II) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

7-810.

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

(2) "FUND" MEANS THE STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP FUND.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS FOR FIELD TRIPS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE QUALIFIED AS STATE-AIDED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

(2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM;

AND

(3) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

(Over)

(E) (1) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE FUND, A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED, OR THAT WILL BE PAID OR INCURRED, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS FOR FIELD TRIPS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE QUALIFIED AS STATE-AIDED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) WHEN MAKING GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT WHICH AT LEAST 40% OF THE REGISTERED STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM.

(F) (1) THERE IS A STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP FUND.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

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

(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(4) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(I) MONEY RECEIVED BY THE FUND FROM FINES FOR VEHICLE SECURITY LAPSES UNDER § 17-106 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

(II) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(5) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR:

(I) PROVIDING GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND

(II) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM.

**(6) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

**(II) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

**(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 4, in line 8, after the comma insert "**THE DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FUND, THE STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP FUND,**"; in line 26, strike "and"; after line 26, insert:

**"4. \$2,000,000 TO THE DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FUND;**

**5. \$600,000 TO THE STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS FIELD TRIP FUND; AND"**;

and in line 27, strike "4." and substitute "**6.**".