

SENATE BILL 540

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CF HB 472

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Mapping Data Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the State
4 Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Program and establishing
5 the requirements of the Program; authorizing the School Safety Subcabinet within
6 the Maryland Center for School Safety to use the Safe Schools Fund to provide
7 funding to the Department for grants under the Program; and generally relating to
8 the School Mapping Data Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–452
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Education
16 Section 7–1512
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **7–452.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM.**

2 **(3) “SCHOOL MAPPING DATA” MEANS DATA IN AN ELECTRONIC OR**
3 **DIGITAL FORMAT TO ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS IN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES**
4 **AT A SCHOOL.**

5 **(B) THERE IS A SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

6 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COUNTY**
7 **BOARDS TO PRODUCE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE**
8 **COUNTY, INCLUDING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

9 **(D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL LAW**
10 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDS TO PRODUCE**
11 **SCHOOL MAPPING DATA.**

12 **(2) SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH FUNDING FROM THE**
13 **PROGRAM SHALL:**

14 **(I) BE COMPATIBLE WITH SOFTWARE PLATFORMS USED BY**
15 **THE SCHOOL AND LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THAT**
16 **PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT REQUIRING THE**
17 **PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE OR CHARGING A FEE TO VIEW OR ACCESS THE**
18 **DATA;**

19 **(II) BE IN A PRINTABLE FORMAT AND, IF REQUESTED, BE IN A**
20 **DIGITAL FILE FORMAT THAT CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO INTERACTIVE MOBILE**
21 **PLATFORMS;**

22 **(III) BE VERIFIED FOR ACCURACY BY A WALK-THROUGH OF THE**
23 **SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;**

24 **(IV) BE ORIENTED TRUE NORTH;**

25 **(V) BE OVERLAID ON CURRENT AERIAL IMAGERY;**

26 **(VI) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE**
27 **STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING:**

28 **1. ROOM LABELS;**

29 **2. HALLWAY NAMES;**

1 **3. EXTERNAL DOOR OR STAIRWELL NUMBERS; AND**

2 **4. LOCATIONS OF:**

3 **A. HAZARDS;**

4 **B. CRITICAL UTILITY LOCATIONS;**

5 **C. KEY BOXES; AND**

6 **D. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND**
7 **TRAUMA KITS;**

8 **(VII) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE**
9 **SCHOOL GROUNDS, INCLUDING:**

10 **1. PARKING AREAS;**

11 **2. ATHLETIC FIELDS;**

12 **3. SURROUNDING ROADS; AND**

13 **4. NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES; AND**

14 **(VIII) BE OVERLAID WITH GRIDDED X AND Y COORDINATES.**

15 7–1512.

16 (a) There is a Safe Schools Fund.

17 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to local school systems to enhance
18 school safety.

19 (c) The Subcabinet shall administer the Fund.

20 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
21 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

22 (2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall
23 account for the Fund in conjunction with the Executive Director of the Center.

24 (e) The Fund consists of:

25 (1) Money credited to the Fund under § 17–106(e) of the Transportation

1 Article;

2 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

3 (3) Money appropriated to the Fund under § 7–1508 of this subtitle;

4 (4) Money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund; and

5 (5) Any interest earnings of the Fund.

6 (f) Except as provided in [subsection (g)] **SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H)** of this
7 section, the Fund may be used only to provide grants to local school systems to enhance
8 school safety, including:

9 (1) Conducting training for students and school personnel on de-escalation
10 of situations and identifying and reporting behaviors of concern;

11 (2) Conducting training of assessment teams;

12 (3) Conducting school safety evaluations;

13 (4) Establishing formal and anonymous mechanisms for reporting safety
14 concerns;

15 (5) Reimbursing local law enforcement agencies for school resource officer
16 training provided by the Center;

17 (6) Enrolling school security employees in training provided by the Center;

18 (7) Developing plans to deliver school-based behavioral health and other
19 wraparound services to students who exhibit behaviors of concern, including establishing
20 systems to maximize external funding for services;

21 (8) Outreach to the broader school community to improve school safety,
22 including to heighten awareness of existing mental health services and other services;

23 (9) Providing information to students and parents on traveling safely to
24 and from school, including data related to bus and pedestrian safety, strategies for ensuring
25 personal safety, efforts of the local school system to improve safety, and information on
26 available options for reporting incidents and concerns; and

27 (10) Assisting local school systems to improve and monitor traffic control
28 measures in the immediate vicinity of schools to reduce the potential for pedestrian and
29 vehicle accidents.

30 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least
31 \$10,000,000 of the money in the Fund shall be used to provide grants to local school systems

1 and local law enforcement agencies as provided under § 7–1508 of this subtitle.

2 **(H) THE SUBCABINET MAY USE THE FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT § 7–452 OF THIS TITLE.**

4 **[(h)] (I)** (1) The Subcabinet may make grants to local school systems and
5 local law enforcement agencies from the Fund.

6 (2) The Subcabinet shall establish procedures for local school systems and
7 local law enforcement agencies to apply for grants from the Fund.

8 **[(i)] (J)** (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the
9 same manner as other State money may be invested.

10 (2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

11 **[(j)] (K)** Expenditures from the Fund may only be made:

12 (1) In accordance with the State budget; or

13 (2) By the budget amendment procedure as provided in § 7–209 of the State
14 Finance and Procurement Article, if at least 45 days have passed since the budget
15 amendment and supporting information were submitted to the budget committees for their
16 review and comment.

17 **[(k)] (L)** Money expended from the Fund by local school systems to enhance
18 school safety is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that
19 otherwise would be appropriated to local school systems.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2024.