

# SENATE BILL 540

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Energy, and the Environment/Ways and Means —

Introduced by **Senators Gile, Brooks, Feldman, Kagan, Kramer, and Watson**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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~~ Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the  
5 purpose of the Program and establishing the requirements of the Program;  
6 authorizing the School Safety Subcabinet within the Maryland Center for School  
7 Safety to use the Safe Schools Fund to provide funding to ~~the Department~~ local school  
8 systems for grants under the Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on  
9 School Construction to adopt facility mapping standards; requiring a certain  
10 custodian of records to deny inspection of school mapping data; and generally relating  
11 to the School Mapping Data Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section ~~7-452~~ 5-310.1 and 7-1510.1

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
4 Article – Education  
5 Section 7–1512  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

8 *BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,*  
9 *Article – General Provisions*  
10 *Section 4–314.1*  
11 *Annotated Code of Maryland*  
12 *(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)*

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **5–310.1.**

17 **(A) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT FACILITY MAPPING**  
18 **STANDARDS FOR THE UNIFORM MAPPING OF THE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES OF PUBLIC**  
19 **SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

20 **(B) LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES SCHOOL SYSTEMS SHALL:**

21 **(1) COOPERATE WITH THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION IN THE**  
22 **DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFORM MAPPING STANDARDS; AND**

23 **(2) CONTRIBUTE DATA AS REQUESTED BY THE INTERAGENCY**  
24 **COMMISSION.**

25 **~~7–452.~~ 7–1510.1.**

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

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

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

1 (B) THERE IS A SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM IN THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~  
2 CENTER.

3 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ~~COUNTY~~  
4 ~~BOARDS~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PRODUCE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA FOR EACH  
5 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

6 (D) (1) EACH ~~COUNTY BOARD~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, IN CONSULTATION  
7 WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, MAY APPLY TO THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~  
8 SUBCABINET FOR FUNDS TO PRODUCE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA.

9 (2) SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH FUNDING FROM THE  
10 PROGRAM SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FACILITY MAPPING STANDARDS DEVELOPED  
11 BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UNDER § 5-310.1  
12 OF THIS ARTICLE.

13 (3) THE CENTER SHALL WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
14 INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL  
15 MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM MEETS THE  
16 FACILITY MAPPING STANDARDS DEVELOPED UNDER § 5-310.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (4) AT A MINIMUM, SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED WITH  
18 FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM SHALL:

19 (I) BE COMPATIBLE WITH SOFTWARE PLATFORMS USED BY  
20 THE SCHOOL AND LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THAT  
21 PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT REQUIRING THE  
22 PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE OR CHARGING A FEE TO VIEW OR ACCESS THE  
23 DATA;

24 (II) BE IN A PRINTABLE FORMAT AND, IF REQUESTED, BE IN A  
25 DIGITAL FILE FORMAT THAT CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO INTERACTIVE MOBILE  
26 PLATFORMS;

27 (III) BE VERIFIED FOR ACCURACY BY A WALK-THROUGH OF THE  
28 SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;

29 (IV) BE ORIENTED TRUE NORTH;

30 (V) BE OVERLAID ON CURRENT AERIAL IMAGERY;

31 (VI) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE  
32 STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING:

- 1                   1.    ROOM LABELS;
- 2                   2.    HALLWAY NAMES;
- 3                   3.    EXTERNAL DOOR OR STAIRWELL NUMBERS; AND
- 4                   4.    LOCATIONS OF:
  - 5                   A.    HAZARDS;
  - 6                   B.    CRITICAL UTILITY LOCATIONS;
  - 7                   C.    KEY BOXES; AND
  - 8                   D.    AUTOMATED    EXTERNAL    DEFIBRILLATORS    AND
  - 9   TRAUMA KITS;

10                   (VII) CONTAIN SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING THAT MATCHES THE  
11 SCHOOL GROUNDS, INCLUDING:

- 12                   1.    PARKING AREAS;
- 13                   2.    ATHLETIC FIELDS;
- 14                   3.    SURROUNDING ROADS; AND
- 15                   4.    NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES; AND

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

17                   ~~(E) ANY DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, OR OTHER SCHOOL MAPPING DATA THAT~~  
18 ~~IS PRODUCED UNDER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NOT~~  
19 ~~SUBJECT TO AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED UNDER THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.~~

20 7-1512.

21                   (a)    There is a Safe Schools Fund.

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

24                   (c)    The Subcabinet shall administer the Fund.

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

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

3           (e)     The Fund consists of:

4           (1)     Money credited to the Fund under § 17–106(e) of the Transportation  
5 Article;

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

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

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

9           (5)     Any interest earnings of the Fund.

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

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

15          (2)     Conducting training of assessment teams;

16          (3)     Conducting school safety evaluations;

17          (4)     Establishing formal and anonymous mechanisms for reporting safety  
18 concerns;

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least  
 5 \$10,000,000 of the money in the Fund shall be used to provide grants to local school systems  
 6 and local law enforcement agencies as provided under § 7–1508 of this subtitle.

7 **(H) THE SUBCABINET MAY USE THE FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ~~THE~~**  
 8 **~~DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT § 7-452 OF THIS TITLE~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN**  
 9 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1510.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **Article – General Provisions**

27 **4-314.1.**

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a custodian shall deny  
 29 inspection of any record disclosing:

30 (1) a safety evaluation or school emergency plan developed under § 7-1510  
 31 of the Education Article;

1           (2) an emergency response policy developed under § 7-1509 of the Education  
2 Article and § 3-520 of the Public Safety Article;

3           (3) guidelines for school resource officers and supplemental coverage by  
4 local law enforcement agencies developed by the Maryland Center for School Safety under §  
5 7-1508 of the Education Article; [or]

6           (4) a plan to implement the Maryland Center for School Safety’s guidelines  
7 adopted by a local school system under § 7-1508 of the Education Article; OR

8           **(5) ANY SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PRODUCED UNDER THE SCHOOL**  
9 **MAPPING DATA PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1510.1 OF THE EDUCATION**  
10 **ARTICLE.**

11           (b) A custodian shall allow inspection of safety evaluation, school emergency plan,  
12 and emergency response policy records by the following entities in the performance of the  
13 entity’s official duties:

14           (1) the Maryland Center for School Safety;

15           (2) the Interagency Commission on School Construction;

16           (3) the Department of State Police;

17           (4) the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

18           (5) the Maryland Department of Emergency Management;

19           (6) local law enforcement agencies; and

20           (7) local organizations for emergency management.

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.