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By: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Service and Civic Innovation)

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AN ACT concerning

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## A BILL ENTITLED

2 3	Department of Service and Civic Innovation – Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways – Revisions
4	FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation;
5	renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on
6	Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications
7	for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year
8	Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain
9	reporting requirements; repealing the Executive Fellows Program; and generally
10	relating to the Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways.
11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12	Article – State Government
13	Section 21–106(b)(5) and (8), 21–204(d)(6) and (7), 21–205, 21–206, 21–209, 21–301,
14	and 21–302
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
17	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18	Article – State Government
19	Section 21–201(a) and (h)
20	Annotated Code of Maryland
21	(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
22	BY repealing

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

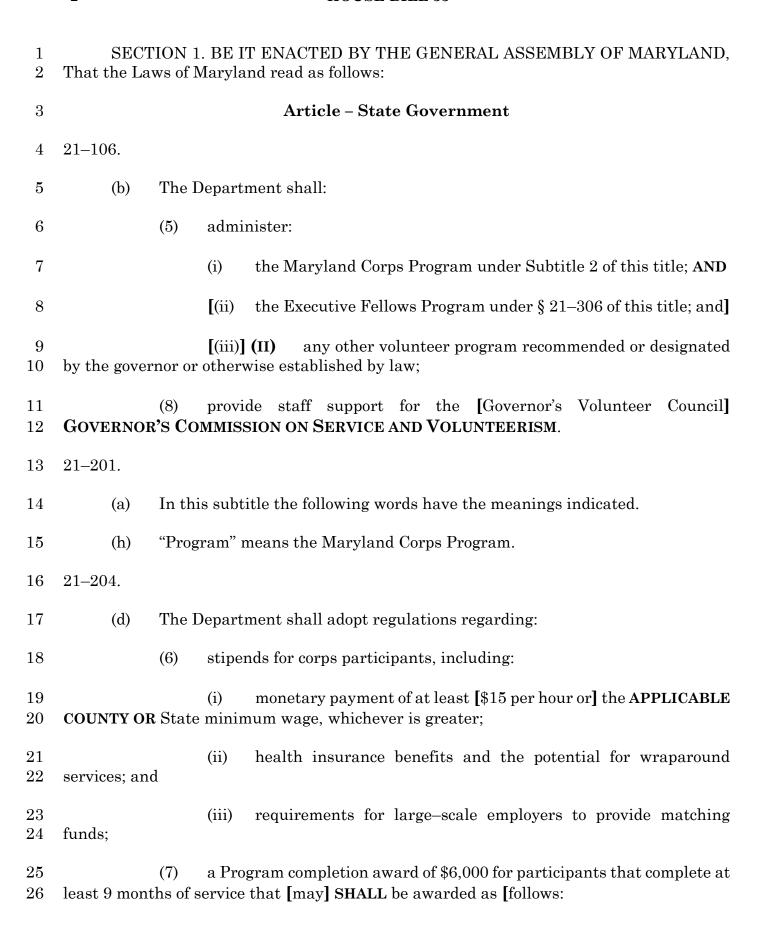
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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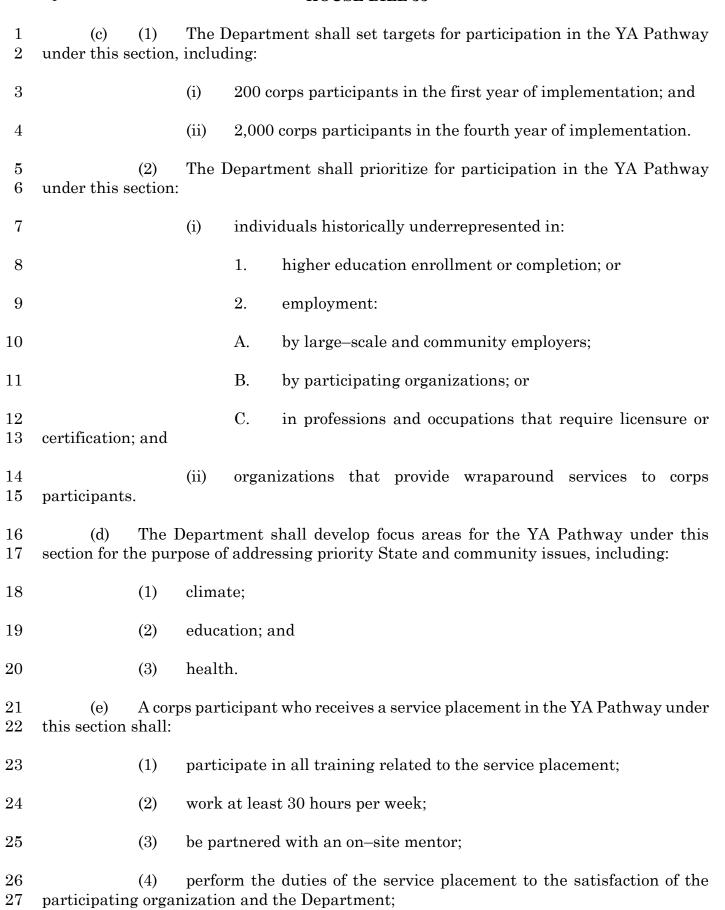
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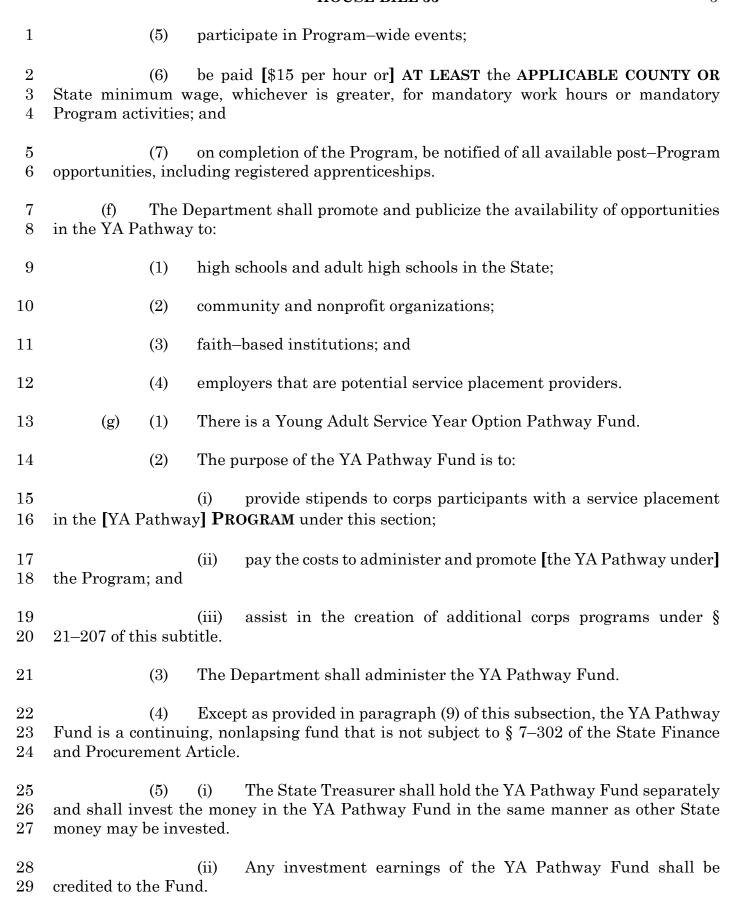
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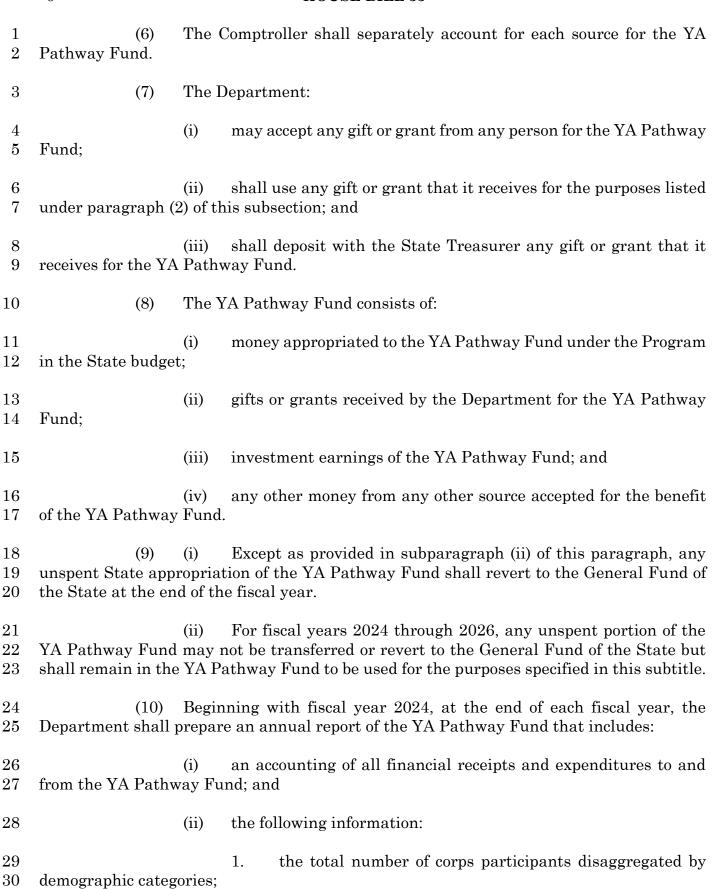




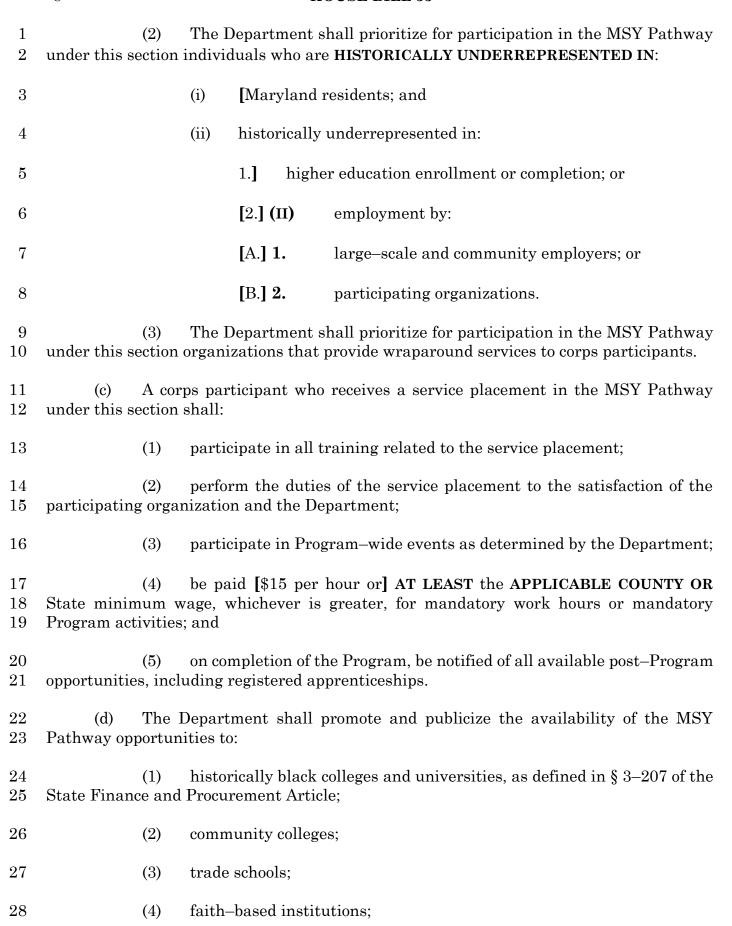
1 2 3			by deposit into a tax—exempt Maryland 529 account established 19 of the Education Article and may only be used for qualified es, as defined in § 18–1901 of the Education Article; or
4		(ii)	payment of] a cash stipend;
5	21–205.		
6	(a) (1)	Ther	e is a Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway in the Program.
7	(2)	The p	ourpose of the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway is to:
8 9 10	additional option training;	(i) to imm	provide service placements to eligible young adults as an ediately pursuing postsecondary education or career and technical
11 12 13	mentoring, job tr high-impact serv		equip corps participants with professional development, financial literacy skills, and other supports while working in tements;
14 15	channeling the ne	(iii) ext gene	assist in addressing the State's greatest challenges by eration of Maryland citizens into impactful public service; and
16 17	to fill present and	(iv) future	strengthen a pipeline of talent into State and local governments staffing needs.
18 19			al may apply to the Department for a service placement in the YA ion if the individual [is]:
20	(1)	IS a I	Maryland resident on the submission of application; [and]
21 22 23	(2) [having] HAS obtained a:	_	in 3 years of graduation] HAS GRADUATED from high school or similar level of education completion, including an individual who
24		(i)	[Maryland] high school diploma;
25		(ii)	[Maryland] high school diploma by examination; or
26 27	HIGH SCHOOL C	(iii) E <b>RTIFI</b>	[Maryland High School Certificate of Program Completion] CATE OF COMPLETION; AND
28 29	(3) THE START DATE		LEAST 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 25 YEARS AT HE YA PATHWAY.







$1\\2$	2. the total annual cost of the YA Pathway disaggregated by the source of the funds;
3 4 5	3. corps participant transition after Program completion into higher education, postsecondary education, full—time employment, registered apprenticeships, and any other post—Program opportunity;
6 7	4. the number of corps participants employed by State or local government agencies after completion of the Program; and
8 9	5. to the extent practicable, what former corps participants are doing 1 year, 2 years, and 5 years after completing the Program.
10 11 12	(11) The Department shall submit a copy of the report prepared under paragraph (10) of this subsection to the General Assembly in accordance with § $2-1257$ of this article.
13 14	[(11)] (12) The YA Pathway Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits in accordance with $\S 2-1220$ of this article.
15	21–206.
16	(a) (1) There is a Maryland Service Year Option Pathway in the Program.
17	(2) The purpose of the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway is to:
18 19 20	(i) equip corps participants with professional development, mentoring, job training, financial literacy skills, and other supports while working in high-impact service placements;
21 22	(ii) assist in addressing the State's greatest challenges by channeling the talents of individuals into impactful public service; and
23 24	(iii) strengthen a pipeline of talent into State and local governments to fill present and future staffing needs.
25 26 27	(b) (1) An individual may apply to the Department for a <b>SERVICE</b> placement in the MSY Pathway under this section if the individual is [interested in performing public and community service in the State]:
28	(I) A MARYLAND RESIDENT; AND
29 30	(II) AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD AT THE START DATE OF THE MSY PATHWAY.



1	(5) youth who are disconnected from school or work; and
2 3	(6) employers and nonprofit organizations with potential service placements for the MSY Pathway under this section.
4	(e) (1) There is a Maryland Service Year Option Pathway Fund.
5	(2) The purpose of the MSY Pathway Fund is to:
6 7	(i) provide stipends to corps participants with a service placement in the [MSY Pathway] <b>PROGRAM</b> under this section;
8 9	(ii) provide Program completion awards to corps participants who have completed the Program;
10 11 12	(iii) cover expenses incurred by the Department, including expenses incurred to study the potential use of the Program as a workforce development tool in the State;
13 14	(iv) cover expenses incurred to study how alumni of the Program could be better positioned to meet the current and future needs of employers in the State;
15 16	(v) provide funding for the MSY Pathway under this section to match gifts or grants received by the Department for the MSY Pathway Fund; and
17 18	(vi) assist in the creation of additional corps programs under $\S$ 21–207 of this subtitle.
19	(3) The Department shall administer the MSY Pathway Fund.
20 21 22	(4) Except as provided in paragraph (10) of this subsection, the MSY Pathway Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
23 24 25	(5) (i) The State Treasurer shall hold the MSY Pathway Fund separately and shall invest the money in the MSY Pathway Fund in the same manner as other State money may be invested.
26 27	(ii) Any investment earnings of the MSY Pathway Fund shall be credited to the Fund.
28 29	(6) The Comptroller shall separately account for each source for the MSY Pathway Fund.
30	(7) The Department:

$\frac{1}{2}$	Pathway Fund;	(i)	may accept any gift or grant from any person for the MSY
3 4	under paragraph (	(ii) (2) of th	shall use any gift or grant that it receives for the reasons stated his subsection; and
5 6	Pathway Fund wit	(iii) th the S	shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the MSY State Treasurer.
7	(8)	The N	MSY Pathway Fund consists of:
8		(i)	money appropriated under subsection (f) of this section;
9 10	Fund;	(ii)	gifts or grants received by the Department for the MSY Pathway
11		(iii)	investment earnings of the MSY Pathway Fund; and
12 13	of the MSY Pathw	(iv) ay Fur	any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit nd.
14 15	(9) in paragraph (2) o		MSY Pathway Fund may be used only for the purposes described ubsection.
16 17 18	(10) unspent State app of the State at the	_	Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, any tion of the MSY Pathway Fund shall revert to the General Fund the fiscal year.
19 20 21 22			For fiscal years 2024 through 2026, any unspent portion of the not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State but Y Pathway Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this
23 24 25 26	•	TED U	Beginning with fiscal year [2024] <b>2026</b> , at the end of each fiscal hall [prepare an annual report of] INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL NDER § 21–205(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE INFORMATION ON the includes:
27 28	expenditures to ar	nd from	[1.] (I) an accounting of all financial receipts and the MSY Pathway Fund; and
29			[2.] (II) the following information:
30 31	disaggregated by o	lemogr	[A.] 1. the total number of corps participants raphic categories;

$\frac{1}{2}$	[B.] 2. the total annual cost of the MSY Pathway disaggregated by the source of the funds;
3 4 5	[C.] 3. corps participant transition after Program completion into higher education, postsecondary education, full—time employment, registered apprenticeships, and any other post—Program opportunity;
6 7	[D.] 4. the number of corps participants employed by State or local government agencies after completion of the Program; and
8 9	[E.] 5. to the extent practicable, what former corps participants are doing 1 year, 2 years, and 5 years after completing the Program.
10 11	[(ii) The Department shall submit a copy of the report to the General Assembly in accordance with § $2-1257$ of this article.]
12 13	(12) The MSY Pathway Fund may be subject to an audit by the Legislative Auditor.
14 15	(f) (1) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the MSY Pathway Fund of:
16	(i) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
17	(ii) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
18	(iii) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and
19	(iv) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.
20 21 22	(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations made under paragraph (1) of this subsection are in addition to any federal funding received for State service or volunteer programming.
23 24 25	(3) Appropriations made under paragraph (1) of this subsection and other funding received by the Department for the MSY Pathway under this section shall be used to:
26 27	(i) provide stipends to corps participants with a service placement in the [MSY Pathway] <b>PROGRAM</b> under this section;
28 29	(ii) provide Program completion awards to corps participants who have completed the Program;
30 31	(iii) cover expenses incurred by the Department, including expenses incurred in marketing and recruitment; and

- 1 (iv) cover programmatic expenses to expand service opportunities 2 throughout the State, including expanding the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program,
- 3 as provided under §§ 8–1913 through 8–1924 of the Natural Resources Article.
- 4 21–209.
- On or before December 1 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly regarding:
- 7 (1) the number and amount of stipends awarded under the Program;
- 8 (2) the businesses, nonprofit organizations, or government agencies with 9 which corps participants are placed;
- 10 (3) the institutions, if any, that award academic credit for a corps 11 participant's service; AND
- 12 (4) the number and amount of Program completion awards awarded under 13 the Program [; and
- 14 (5) the postsecondary educational institutions at which corps participants 15 use their Program completion awards].
- 16 21–301.
- 17 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 18 (b) "Corps" means the Maryland Service Corps.
- 19 (c) ["Council" means the Governor's Volunteer Council.
- 20 (d)] "Office" means the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism.
- 21 21-302.
- There is a Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism within the [Governor's Office of Community Initiatives] **DEPARTMENT**.
- 24 **[**21–306.
- 25 (a) The Executive Fellows Program is established to provide an opportunity for individuals from the private sector with demonstrated leadership and managerial potential to participate in State government.

- 1 (b) Criteria or guidelines for the recruitment, selection, and assignment of executive fellows shall be developed in consultation with representatives of the business community and appropriate State units.
- 4 (c) A committee shall be appointed by the Governor to select qualified applicants to participate in the Executive Fellows Program.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 7 1,2025.