

HOUSE BILL 772

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By: **Delegate Roberson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students –**
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of directing county boards of education to provide certain funding to local
5 workforce development boards to support the Career Counseling Program for Middle
6 and High School Students; altering a certain reporting requirement of local
7 workforce development boards; and generally relating to the Career Counseling
8 Program for Middle and High School Students.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 5–213(a) and (b) and 7–127(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 5–213(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 5–213.

23 (a) Each fiscal year, the State shall distribute the State share of the foundation
24 program to each county board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, each fiscal year,
2 the county board shall distribute to each school the minimum school funding amount for
3 the foundation program calculated under § 5–234 of this subtitle.

4 (c) (1) Each county board shall distribute to the local workforce development
5 board for the county the following amount multiplied by the enrollment count in the county:

6 (i) For fiscal year 2024, \$62; and

7 (ii) For [each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026] **FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND**
8 **EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, the prior fiscal year amount increased by the inflation
9 adjustment.

10 (2) The funds distributed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be
11 used to support the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students
12 established under [§ 7–126] **§ 7–127** of this article that is provided collaboratively by the
13 workforce development board, the school, any other relevant State or local agencies, and
14 employers.

15 (3) On or before June 30, 2024, and [in each of the next 2 fiscal years] **EACH**
16 **JUNE 30 THEREAFTER**, the local workforce development board, in collaboration with the
17 county board and any other relevant State or local agencies, shall report to the
18 Accountability and Implementation Board established under Subtitle 4 of this title on the
19 use of the funds and the impact of the funds on providing career counseling.

20 7–127.

21 (b) (1) There is a Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School
22 Students.

23 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide each middle school and high
24 school student in the county with individualized career counseling services.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2025.