

SENATE BILL 161

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SB 40/24 – B&T

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Benson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Driver Education and Career and Technical**
3 **Education – Funding**
4 **(Driver Education and Career Education Act of 2025)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the annual
6 budget bill certain appropriations to the State Department of Education for the
7 Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc., in Prince George’s County for
8 certain purposes related to driver education and career and technical education;
9 requiring the Department to hire an independent contractor to conduct a certain
10 annual evaluation; and generally relating to driver education and career and
11 technical education in the State.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 5–244
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, Career and technical education supports the efforts of the State to
19 provide students with skills and instruction set to international standards that will enable
20 the students to be successful in the 21st-century economy and productive citizens of the
21 State; and

22 WHEREAS, Career and technical education also provides high school students with
23 access to educational experiences and opportunities that enable the students to reach their
24 full promise and potential and to be ready for success in college and a rewarding career;
25 now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **5–244.**

5 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN
6 APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
7 COALITION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS, INC., TO BE USED FOR
8 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO DRIVER EDUCATION AND
9 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE STATE:

10 (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, \$278,750;

11 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, \$268,300;

12 (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$272,100;

13 (4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$276,400;

14 (5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$280,850; AND

15 (6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032, \$216,600.

16 (B) (1) THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
17 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

18 (2) THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT
19 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
20 TEACHERS, ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS TO AND FROM CAREER
21 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING ACTIVITIES, AND SUPPORT CAREER AND
22 TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS:

23 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, \$115,000;

24 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, \$115,300;

25 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$115,600;

26 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$116,000;

27 (V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$116,250; AND

1 **(VI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032, \$116,600.**

2 **(3) THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE USED TO INCREASE THE**
3 **NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING AND ASSIST IN**
4 **PROVIDING DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING:**

5 **(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, \$125,750;**

6 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, \$130,000;**

7 **(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$133,500;**

8 **(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$137,400;**

9 **(V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$141,600; AND**

10 **(VI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032, \$85,000.**

11 **(4) THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT**
12 **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION EVENTS:**

13 **(I) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2031, \$8,000;**

14 **AND**

15 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032, \$6,000.**

16 **(5) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING**
17 **ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE USED TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE**
18 **IMPACT OF THE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION ON INCREASING THE**
19 **NUMBER OF CAREER-READY STUDENTS:**

20 **(I) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2031, \$10,000;**

21 **AND**

22 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032, \$4,000.**

23 **(6) THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE USED TO CREATE AND**
24 **UPDATE AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR A SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING**
25 **UNDER THIS SECTION:**

26 **(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, \$20,000; AND**

27 **(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2028 THROUGH 2032, \$5,000.**

1 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**
2 **THAT HAS EXPERIENCE EVALUATING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO CONDUCT THE**
3 **ANNUAL EVALUATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **(2) THE ANNUAL EVALUATION SHALL:**

5 **(I) BE CONDUCTED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COALITION**
6 **FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS, INC.; AND**

7 **(II) EXAMINE WHETHER FUNDING HAS:**

8 **1. INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF**
9 **CAREER-READY STUDENTS;**

10 **2. PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO MORE**
11 **TEACHERS; AND**

12 **3. INCREASED THE OCCUPATIONAL LITERACY OF**
13 **STUDENTS.**

14 **(3) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2028, THE**
15 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REQUIRED**
16 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE**
17 **SUPERINTENDENT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**
18 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE**
19 **HOUSE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE**
20 **ENVIRONMENT, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 years and 1 month and, at the end of July
23 31, 2033, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.