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By: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Service and Civic Innovation)

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AN ACT concerning

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## A BILL ENTITLED

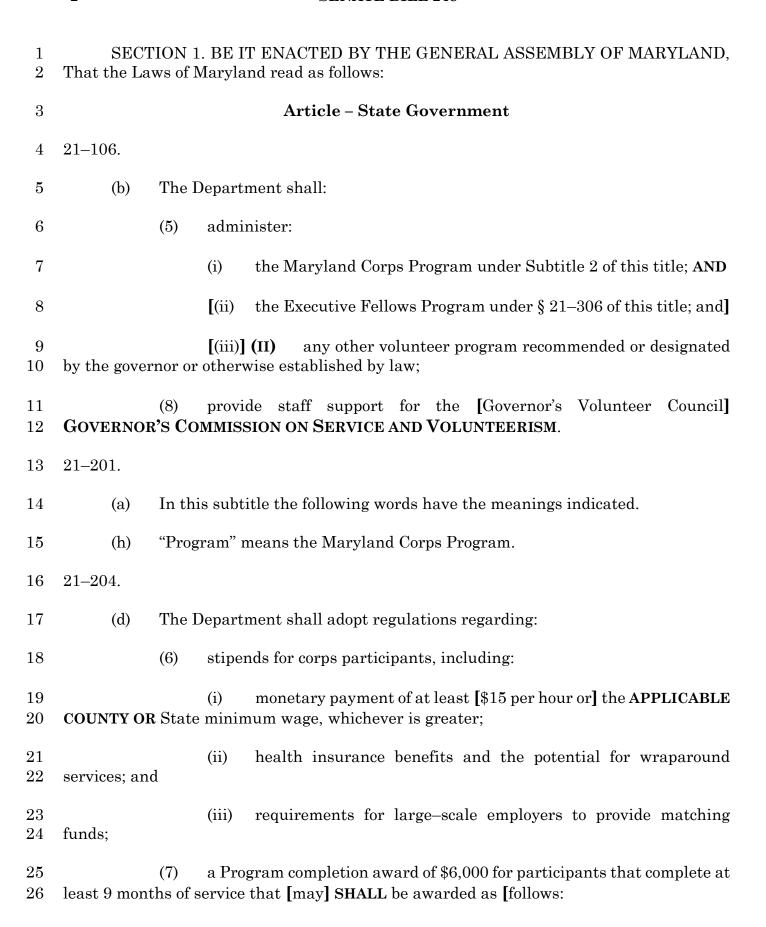
2	Department of Service and Civic Innovation - Maryland Corps Program Service
3	Year Option Pathways - Revisions

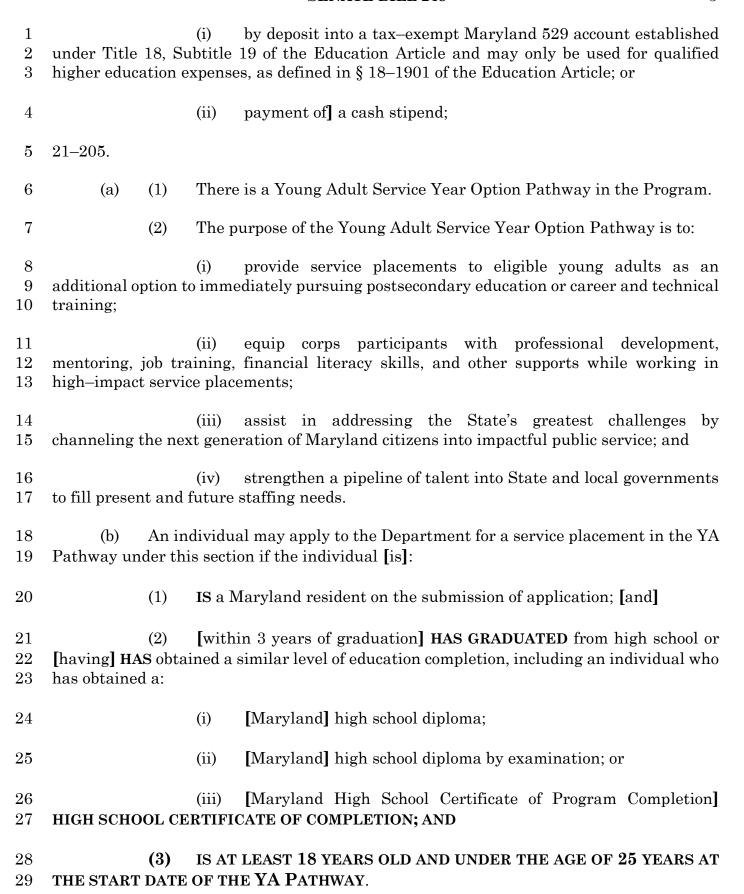
- FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; repealing the Executive Fellows Program; and generally 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
- 23 Article State Government
- 24 Section 21–306
- 25 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

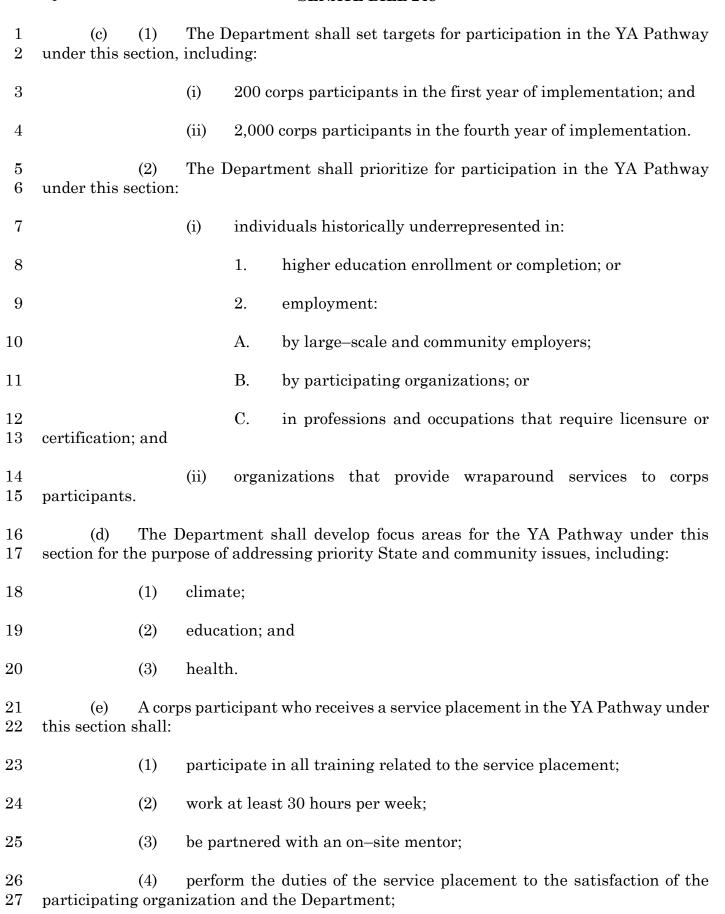
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

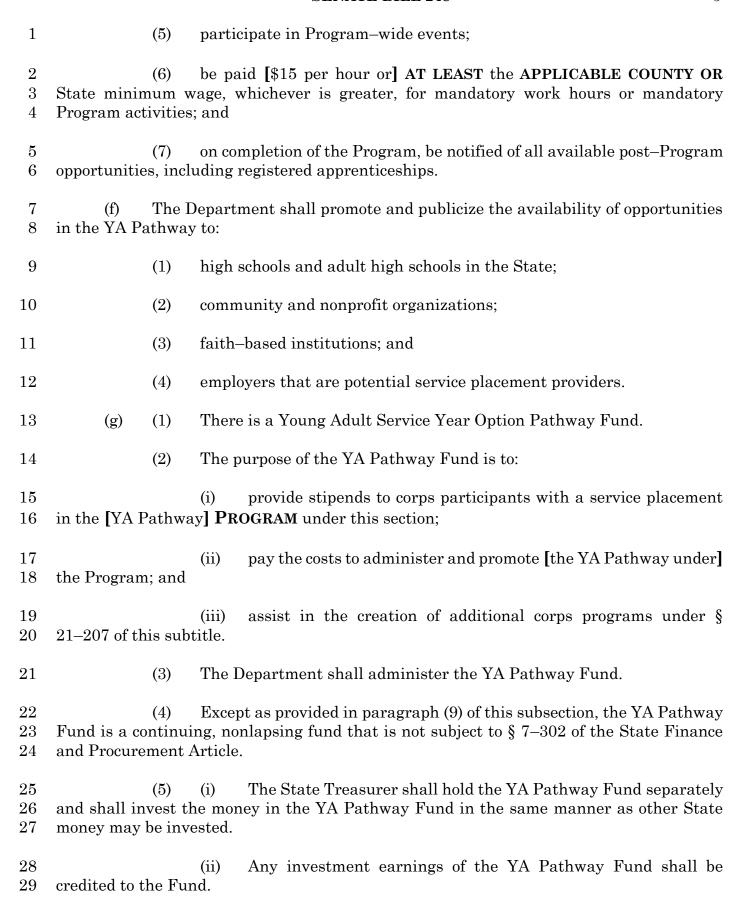
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.







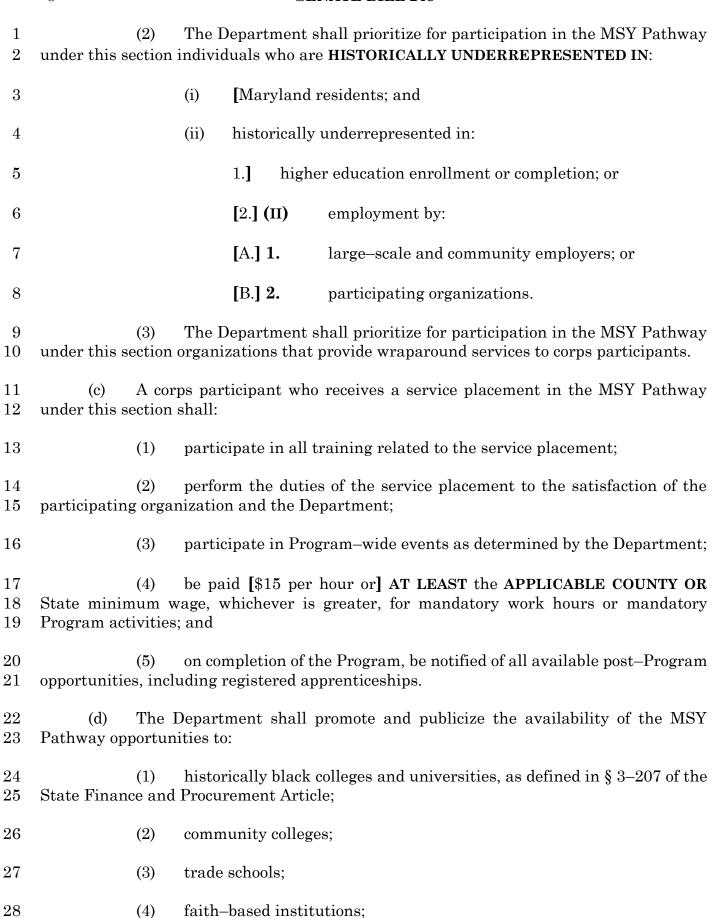




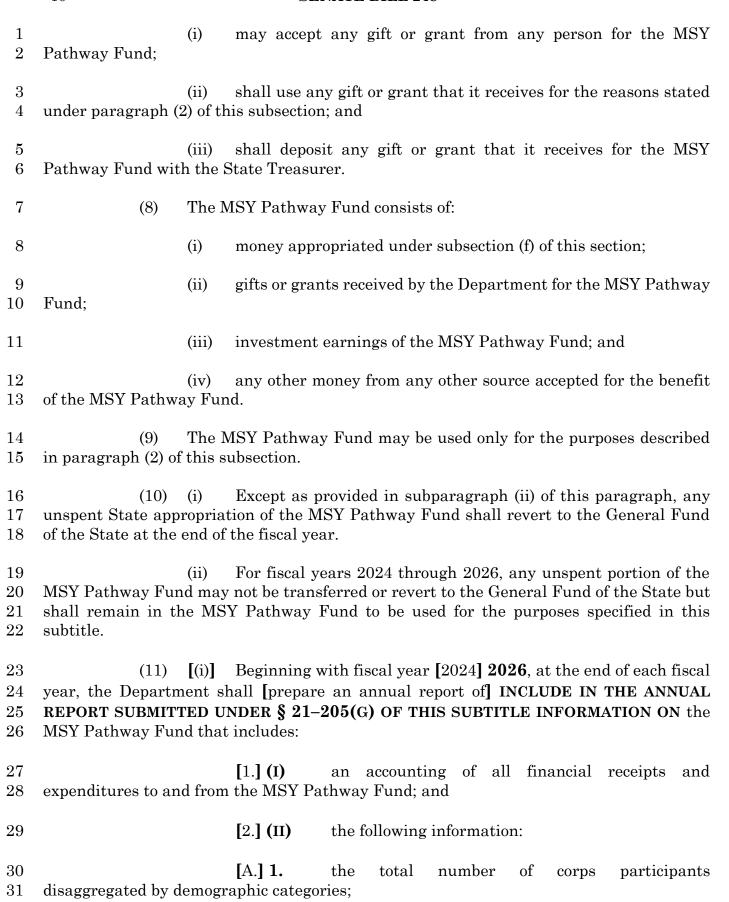
## SENATE BILL 248

$1\\2$	(6) Pathway Fund.	The C	Comptroller shall separately account for each source for the YA
3	(7)	The I	Department:
$\frac{4}{5}$	Fund;	(i)	may accept any gift or grant from any person for the YA Pathway
6 7	under paragraph (	(ii) 2) of th	shall use any gift or grant that it receives for the purposes listed as subsection; and
8 9	receives for the YA	(iii) Pathy	shall deposit with the State Treasurer any gift or grant that it way Fund.
10	(8)	The Y	A Pathway Fund consists of:
11 12	in the State budge	(i) t;	money appropriated to the YA Pathway Fund under the Program
13 14	Fund;	(ii)	gifts or grants received by the Department for the YA Pathway
15		(iii)	investment earnings of the YA Pathway Fund; and
16 17	of the YA Pathway	(iv) Fund	any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit
18 19 20	(9) unspent State app the State at the en		Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, any tion of the YA Pathway Fund shall revert to the General Fund of e fiscal year.
21 22 23	<u> </u>	•	For fiscal years 2024 through 2026, any unspent portion of the not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State but athway Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this subtitle.
$24 \\ 25$	(10) Department shall	_	ning with fiscal year 2024, at the end of each fiscal year, the e an annual report of the YA Pathway Fund that includes:
26 27	from the YA Pathy	(i) vay Fu	an accounting of all financial receipts and expenditures to and nd; and
28		(ii)	the following information:
29 30	demographic categ	ories;	1. the total number of corps participants disaggregated by

$1\\2$	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:



1 [B.] 2. the total annual cost of the MSY Pathway 2 disaggregated by the source of the funds; 3 [C.1 3. corps participant transition after Program completion into higher education, postsecondary education, full-time employment, 4 registered apprenticeships, and any other post–Program opportunity; 5 6 [D.] 4. the number of corps participants employed by State or local government agencies after completion of the Program; and 7 8 [E.] **5.** to the extent practicable, what former corps 9 participants are doing 1 year, 2 years, and 5 years after completing the Program. 10 The Department shall submit a copy of the report to the General 11 Assembly in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article. 12 (12)The MSY Pathway Fund may be subject to an audit by the Legislative 13 Auditor. 14 The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation (1) to the MSY Pathway Fund of: 15 16 (i) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024; \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; 17 (ii) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and 18 (iii) 19 (iv) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter. 20 It is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations made under 21paragraph (1) of this subsection are in addition to any federal funding received for State 22service or volunteer programming. 23 Appropriations made under paragraph (1) of this subsection and other 24funding received by the Department for the MSY Pathway under this section shall be used 25to: 26 provide stipends to corps participants with a service placement in the [MSY Pathway] **PROGRAM** under this section; 2728 (ii) provide Program completion awards to corps participants who 29 have completed the Program; 30 cover expenses incurred by the Department, including expenses

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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.]
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 7 1, 2025.