Chapter 242

(Senate Bill 880)

AN ACT concerning

Governor's Office for Children – Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland – Grant Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill each fiscal year <u>in certain fiscal years</u> to the Governor's Office for Children to provide certain grants for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland; and generally relating to grants provided by the Governor's Office for Children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services Section 8–105 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

8 - 105.

(a) (1) There is a Governor's Office for Children.

(2) The Office is a separate unit within the Executive Department.

(b) The purpose of the Office is to provide a coordinated, comprehensive, interagency approach to promoting the well-being of children and families through a network of supports, programs, and services that are family and child-oriented and reducing the number of children living in poverty.

(c) The Governor may provide for the structure, duties, and responsibilities of the Office by executive order.

(D) IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2030, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 \$250,000 TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MARYLAND.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.