

# SENATE BILL 668

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation/Appropriations —

Introduced by ~~Senators Harris and King~~, King, Augustine, Guzzone, Hettleman, Lewis Young, McCray, and Zucker

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Children’s Cabinet Fund – Renaming and Funding for Grants to Local**  
3 **Management Boards**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the Children’s Cabinet Fund to be the Children’s Cabinet  
5 Interagency Fund; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include an  
6 appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund  
7 to be used for grants to local management boards; and generally relating to the  
8 renaming of the Children’s Cabinet Fund and funding for grants to local  
9 management boards.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 8–417(b)(1)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Article – Health – General  
4 Section 15–139(c)(1)  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Human Services  
9 Section 8–501 through 8–503 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 5.  
10 Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund”  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Human Services  
15 Section 8–504 through 8–506 and 8–508  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 8–417.

22 (b) (1) The Department, in collaboration with the fiscal agent of the Children’s  
23 Cabinet **INTERAGENCY** Fund under Title 8, Subtitle 5 of the Human Services Article, shall  
24 administer and implement a redesigned rate setting process for nonpublic general  
25 education schools, residential child care programs, and nonresidential child care programs.

26 **Article – Health – General**

27 15–139.

28 (c) (1) For each fiscal year, the Governor may provide funds in the budget for  
29 the Children’s Cabinet **INTERAGENCY** Fund established under Title 8, Subtitle 5 of the  
30 Human Services Article, to be used by the Children’s Cabinet to create an interagency pool  
31 of funds to provide services to children with disabilities.

32 **Article – Human Services**

33 Subtitle 5. Children’s Cabinet **INTERAGENCY** Fund.

1 8-501.

2 In this subtitle, "Fund" means the Children's Cabinet **INTERAGENCY** Fund.

3 8-502.

4 There is a Children's Cabinet **INTERAGENCY** Fund.

5 8-503.

6 (a) The Fund:

7 (1) consists of money appropriated, transferred, credited, or paid into the  
8 Fund from any source; and

9 (2) includes money for out-of-home care and services to prevent  
10 out-of-home placements.

11 (b) At the end of each fiscal year any unspent money in the Fund shall revert to  
12 the General Fund.

13 (c) (1) **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**  
14 **THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FUND TO BE USED FOR GRANTS TO**  
15 **ELIGIBLE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS:**

16 (i) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, \$3,000,000 \$1,000,000 ABOVE THE~~  
17 ~~APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;~~

18 (ii) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$2,000,000 \$500,000 ABOVE THE~~  
19 ~~APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;~~

20 (iii) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$2,000,000 \$500,000 ABOVE THE~~  
21 ~~APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2029; AND~~

22 (iv) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2028 THROUGH 2030, AN  
23 APPROPRIATION AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN FISCAL  
24 YEAR 2027; AND

25 (ii) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$2,000,000 \$500,000 ABOVE THE  
26 APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2030.

27 (2) **MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE**  
28 **LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS**  
29 **SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT**

1 **OTHERWISE WOULD BE EXPENDED FOR GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE LOCAL MANAGEMENT**  
2 **BOARDS.**

3 8–504.

4 Expenditures from the Fund shall be made:

5 (1) in accordance with the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

6 (2) to reflect the priorities, policies, and procedures that the Children’s  
7 Cabinet adopts.

8 8–505.

9 (a) A local management board shall apply for money from the Fund in accordance  
10 with procedures established by the Children’s Cabinet.

11 (b) In connection with an application for money under subsection (a) of this  
12 section, a local management board shall develop and submit a community partnership  
13 agreement that:

14 (1) reflects coordination with:

15 (i) the State’s 3–year plan for children, youth, and families; and

16 (ii) any local government plan for services for children, youth, and  
17 families, including the local substance abuse plan developed in accordance with Title 8,  
18 Subtitle 10 of the Health – General Article; and

19 (2) addresses the priorities and strategies of the county for meeting the  
20 identified needs of children and families as articulated in the local management board’s  
21 5–year strategic plan regarding:

22 (i) youth development;

23 (ii) prevention services;

24 (iii) crisis and early intervention;

25 (iv) services for children at risk of out–of–home placement or  
26 returning from out–of–home placement; and

27 (v) out–of–home placement and treatment.

28 (c) The Children’s Cabinet may disburse money to a local management board  
29 subject to the terms, conditions, performance measures, or outcome evaluations that the  
30 Children’s Cabinet considers necessary.

1 (d) The local management board shall use the money to implement:

2 (1) a local interagency services delivery system for children, youth, and  
3 families in accordance with the community partnership agreement; and

4 (2) any terms, conditions, and performance measures that the Children’s  
5 Cabinet requires.

6 8–506.

7 (a) The State shall fund only evidence–based and promising home visiting  
8 programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget.

9 (b) Not less than 75% of the State funding for home visiting programs shall be  
10 made available to evidence–based home visiting programs.

11 8–508.

12 The Governor’s Office for Children is the fiscal agent for the Fund.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.