



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Support HB1487

Public Schools – Agricultural Education and Grant Programs

Ways & Means Committee and Appropriations Committee

- This bill codifies the definition of agriculture education in Maryland public schools
- It will require local school systems to adopt and use the definition in their existing agricultural education programs or when creating a new program
- This bill would require at least one public high school or one career and technology education center in each county to establish an agriculture science curriculum
- In addition, this bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY2022 of \$785,000 in order to establish the Maryland Agricultural Education Grant Program
- The MD State Department of Education may award grants to local boards of education, nonprofit organizations, and other entities for specified purposes