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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 482
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after “of” insert “requiring the Children’s Cabinet to meet a certain number of times each year; requiring the Special Secretary of the Governor’s Office for Children to chair the Children’s Cabinet; requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to staff the Children’s Cabinet; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to submit a certain recommendation to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in line 11, after “Fund;” insert “requiring the Children’s Cabinet to submit a certain plan on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to develop a certain database on or before a certain date;”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY repealing

Article - Education

Section 5–223(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Education

Section 5–223(h)

to be Section 5–223(g), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Human Services

Section 8–103 and 8–104

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(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5–223(g) of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5–223(h) of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–223(g), respectively.”;

in line 12, strike “1.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, strike “BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND” and substitute “AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED”; after line 13, insert:

“Article – Human Services

8–103.

(A) THE CHILDREN’S CABINET SHALL MEET NOT LESS THAN FOUR TIMES A YEAR IN OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO STATE NEEDS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(B) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL CHAIR THE CHILDREN’S CABINET.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL STAFF THE CHILDREN’S CABINET.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE CHILDREN'S CABINET SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CHILDREN'S CABINET MEETINGS IN THE PRIOR YEAR AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

8-104.

(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS OF POVERTY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT METHODS USED TO CALCULATE INDICATORS OF POVERTY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE:

(I) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE DATA NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT EACH METHODOLOGY; AND

(II) ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 5-223 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE DATA NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT EACH METHODOLOGY.

(3) IN COMPLETING THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL:

(Over)

(I) EVALUATE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN THE SMALL INCOME AND POVERTY ESTIMATES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT POVERTY ESTIMATES;

(II) EVALUATE THE AREA DEPRIVATION INDEX DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON TO RANK NEIGHBORHOODS BY SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS DISADVANTAGE;

(III) ANALYZE HOW OTHER STATES APPROACH MEASURING POVERTY;

(IV) ANALYZE HOW OTHER STATES CALCULATE ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION; AND

(V) CONSULT WITH EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR INPUT.

(4) ANY STATE AGENCY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER, SHALL SHARE ANY DATA NEEDED BY THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025, THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, SHALL SUBMIT A METHODOLOGICAL RECOMMENDATION, BASED ON THE OFFICE'S REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) THE RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE AN UPDATED METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATORY GRANTS UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, AND IF SO, AN UPDATED METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION FORMULA UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.”;

and after line 31, insert:

“(B) “ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD” MEANS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT INCLUDES CENSUS TRACTS WITH MORE THAN 30% OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY AND IS SERVED BY, AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE, A COMMUNITY SCHOOL WITH A CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY LEVEL, AS DEFINED IN § 5-223 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, OF:

- (1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND 2026, AT LEAST 80%;
- (2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029, AT LEAST 75%;
- (3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2030, AT LEAST 60%; AND
- (4) IN FISCAL YEAR 2031, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AT LEAST 55%.”.

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On page 3, strike lines 1 through 4; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 9; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 22; in line 10, strike “(E)” and substitute “(D)”; after line 22, insert:

“(E) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM.”;

and in line 23, strike “(G)” and substitute “(F)”.

On page 4, in line 3, strike “(1)”; strike lines 6 through 9, inclusive; in line 20, strike “AND”; and in line 23, after “ADULTS” insert “;

(6) CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO STATE PROGRAMS; AND

(7) LEVERAGE FEDERAL, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE FUNDING FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD”.

On pages 4 through 6, strike beginning with line 24 on page 4 down through line 3 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ANNUALLY IDENTIFY AND COMMUNICATE TO EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR THE PROGRAM.

(2) (I) THE OFFICE MAY DETERMINE THAT BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR SIMILARITIES IN RESIDENTS AND NEEDS THAT A REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD MAXIMIZE RESOURCES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(II) A REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD MAY NOT RECEIVE LESS FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE COORDINATION OF MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS.

(D) (1) ONCE THE OFFICE IDENTIFIES AN ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL ENGAGE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY, SEEK INPUT FROM RESIDENTS, AND APPROVE A LEAD PARTNER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(2) A LEAD PARTNER MAY BE A:

(I) LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD;

(II) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY;

(III) COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY;

(IV) LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION; OR

(V) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(3) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND PROCESSES FOR DETERMINING THE LEAD PARTNER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(4) THE OFFICE MAY ASSIGN STAFF OR PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

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(5) THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES DEFINED BY THE OFFICE.

(E) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, EACH LEAD PARTNER SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE, IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE, TO COMPLETE A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(II) EACH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

1. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND SAFETY NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY;

2. AN IMMEDIATE PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE TO THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD;

3. A LONG-TERM PLAN, INCLUDING GOALS, FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD;

4. A DESCRIPTION OF WHERE STATE FUNDING IS BEING REQUESTED TO BE SPENT IN THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD; AND

5. ANY ADDITIONAL STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE.

(III) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES FOR DEVELOPING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR EACH ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING:

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT BY MEMBERS OF THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD'S COMMUNITY;
2. LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD INPUT AND ASSISTANCE; AND
3. DEADLINES AND REVIEW PROCESSES.

(IV) THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND NOT CONFLICT WITH THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMPLETED FOR THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL SERVED BY THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(V) IN COMPLETING THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(VI) IN COMPLETING THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE LEAD PARTNER MAY COORDINATE WITH:

1. LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS;
2. UNION OR WORKER ORGANIZATIONS;

3. ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING LOCAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, OR LOCAL CARE MANAGEMENT TEAMS;

4. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; OR

5. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

(VII) IF AN ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS COMPLETED A RECENT ASSESSMENT SIMILAR TO THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE MAY REQUIRE THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD TO ONLY SUBMIT AN ABBREVIATED NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT ADDRESSES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEAD PARTNER, THE OFFICE MAY ASSIST THE LEAD PARTNER TO COMPLETE A NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

(3) (I) THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL SUBMIT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO THE OFFICE FOR APPROVAL.

(II) IF APPROVED, AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE, TO THE LEAD PARTNER WHO HAS MET STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE, TO COMPLETE THE ITEMS IN THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT."

On page 6, in line 4, strike "(H)" and substitute "(F)"; and in line 19, strike "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" and substitute "SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE,

AND HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES”.

On page 7, in line 23, after “OF” insert “AT LEAST”; after line 26, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2025, the Children’s Cabinet shall submit the State’s 3–year plan for children, youth, and families, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 2025, the Governor’s Office for Children shall develop a public centralized database of all State, local, and private resources available for children, youth, and families in the State.”;

and in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “6.”.