

HOUSE BILL 1336

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CF SB 1077

By: **Delegate Ghrist**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures –**
3 **School Security Employees**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing certain annual appropriations for certain school safety
5 expenditures beginning in certain fiscal years; altering the allocation of certain funds
6 to be based on student enrollment; authorizing local school systems to use certain
7 funds for school security employees; and generally relating to appropriations for
8 school safety expenditures and school security employees.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–1508(h)
12 to be Section 7–1508(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Education
17 Section 7–1501(k) and 7–1508(e)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Education
22 Section 7–1508(g)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

25 BY adding to

26 Article – Education
27 Section 7–1508(h)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
4 That Section(s) 17–1508(h) of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
5 renumbered to be Section(s) 7–1508(i).

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
7 as follows:

8 **Article – Education**

9 7–1501.

10 (k) “School security employee” means an individual, as defined in regulations
11 adopted by the Subcabinet, who:

12 (1) Is not a school resource officer; and

13 (2) Is employed by a local school system to provide safety and
14 security–related services at a public school.

15 7–1508.

16 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall
17 file a report with the Center identifying:

18 (i) The public high schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction
19 that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

20 (ii) If a public high school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is
21 not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that
22 will be provided to the public high school.

23 (2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year
24 thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with
25 the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

26 (i) The public schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction that
27 have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

28 (ii) If a public school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is not
29 assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be
30 provided to the public school.

31 (3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center
32 shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and,

1 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

2 (g) (1) (I) [For] **BEGINNING IN** fiscal year 2020 and [each fiscal year
3 thereafter] **ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025**, the Governor shall include in the annual
4 budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund for the purpose of providing grants
5 to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting the
6 requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

7 (II) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN**
8 **THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000,000 TO THE FUND FOR**
9 **THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL LAW**
10 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
11 **SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (H) OF THIS SECTION.**

12 (III) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
13 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN**
14 **APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING**
15 **GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO**
16 **ASSIST IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (H) OF THIS**
17 **SECTION.**

18 (2) Grants provided under this subsection shall be made to each local
19 school system based on the number of [schools] **STUDENTS ENROLLED** in each school
20 system in proportion to the total number of [public schools] **STUDENTS ENROLLED** in the
21 State in the prior year.

22 (H) **A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY USE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER**
23 **SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION FOR SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEES.**

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2024.