

# HOUSE BILL 791

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Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Operating Budget – Funding – Scholarships for Nonpublic School Students**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for certain  
4 fiscal years appropriations of certain amounts for certain scholarships for nonpublic  
5 school students; and generally relating to the operating budget and funding for  
6 scholarships for nonpublic school students.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 7–332

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 **7–332.**

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOOST PROGRAM” MEANS THE BROADENING  
17 OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TODAY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES  
18 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
19 AGRICULTURE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM TO ATTEND ELIGIBLE  
20 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A**  
2 **GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE BOOST**  
3 **PROGRAM:**

4           **(1) \$10,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026;**

5           **(2) \$12,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027;**

6           **(3) \$14,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND**

7           **(4) \$16,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
8 **THEREAFTER.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2024.