

Chapter 255

**(House Bill 189)**

AN ACT concerning

**Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program in the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Division to administer the Pilot Program; requiring the Division to award funds under the Pilot Program through certain grants to establish certain mobile laundry services for the homeless; establishing certain eligibility requirements; authorizing in-kind contributions to be used to meet a certain requirement; requiring the Division to rate positively certain nonprofit organizations in selecting applicants to which grants will be awarded; requiring the Division to establish a certain system of outcome measurement; requiring recipients of a grant under the Pilot Program to submit certain information to the Division; requiring the Division to submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development certain information on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and make a certain recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 6–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

**Article – Housing and Community Development**

**SUBTITLE 8. MOBILE LAUNDRY FOR THE HOMELESS PILOT PROGRAM.**

**6–801.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

**(3) “MOBILE LAUNDRY SERVICES” MEANS THE WASHING, DRYING, AND FOLDING OF CLOTHES PERFORMED FROM A VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH WASHING AND DRYING MACHINES.**

**(4) “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE MOBILE LAUNDRY FOR THE HOMELESS PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

**(B) (1) THERE IS A MOBILE LAUNDRY FOR THE HOMELESS PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION.**

**(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH OR EXPAND MOBILE LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS.**

**(C) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(D) THE DIVISION SHALL AWARD FUNDS UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH A MATCHING GRANT TO ESTABLISH MOBILE LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS THAT:**

**(1) SERVE HOMELESS POPULATIONS THAT LACK ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND LAUNDRY SERVICES; AND**

**(2) INTEGRATE DELIVERY OF LAUNDRY SERVICES WITH OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.**

**(E) (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MUST:**

**(I) HAVE A MISSION THAT INCLUDES SERVICE TO THE HOMELESS; AND**

**(II) SECURE CONTRIBUTIONS IN AN AMOUNT OF MONEY OR OTHER CONSIDERATION AT LEAST EQUAL IN VALUE TO HALF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING SOUGHT UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE USED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

**(3) IN SELECTING APPLICANTS TO WHICH GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL POSITIVELY RATE APPLICANTS**

**THAT:**

**(I) DEMONSTRATE FISCAL CONTROLS, INCLUDING BY MAKING USE OF MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING;**

**(II) EXHIBIT PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS, INCLUDING BY SHOWING HOW A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL BE USED TO AUGMENT EXISTING SERVICES TO CREATE SEAMLESS SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS;**

**(III) SHOW PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE ADMINISTERING GRANTS; AND**

**(IV) MEET ANY OTHER CRITERIA THE DIVISION CONSIDERS RELEVANT.**

**(F) (1) THE DIVISION SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF OUTCOME MEASUREMENT TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(2) A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION THAT THE DIVISION DETERMINES IS NECESSARY FOR THE SYSTEM OF OUTCOME MEASUREMENT.**

**(3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE OUTCOMES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM MEASURED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

**(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.**