

Chapter 666

(House Bill 722)

AN ACT concerning

Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year; altering a certain reporting date; and generally relating to funding for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 5–313
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–645(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

5–313.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Program” means the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

(3) “Significant enrollment growth” means full–time equivalent enrollment growth in a local school system that has exceeded 150% of the statewide average over the past 5 years.

(4) “Significant number of relocatable classrooms” means an average of more than 300 relocatable classrooms in a local school system over the past 5 years.

(b) (1) There is a Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

(2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants for public school construction in local school systems that are experiencing significant enrollment growth or a significant number of relocatable classrooms.

(c) (1) The Program shall be implemented and administered by the Interagency Committee on School Construction in accordance with this section.

(2) Grants awarded by the Interagency Committee under the Program:

(i) Shall be matched by local funds equal to the required local cost-share established in accordance with § 5-301(d)(3) of this subtitle; and

(ii) Shall be approved by the Board of Public Works.

(d) The Interagency Committee shall:

(1) Provide grants from State funds dedicated for the Program to county boards for public school construction in local school systems that are experiencing significant enrollment growth or a significant number of relocatable classrooms;

(2) Develop a procedure for a county board to apply for a grant under the Program;

(3) Develop eligibility requirements for a county board to receive a grant under the Program, including a requirement for a county board to provide funds to match a grant award; and

(4) Develop a process to allocate grant awards under the Program that allocate funds based on each eligible county board's proportionate share of the total full-time equivalent enrollment of the county boards that are eligible to participate in the Program.

(e) [Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, in] **IN** addition to the annual amount otherwise provided in the capital improvement program of the Public School Construction Program, the Governor **ANNUALLY** shall provide [an additional \$20,000,000 annually] **AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS FOLLOWS** in the capital improvement program of the Public School Construction Program that may be used only to award grants under the Program:

(1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, \$20,000,000; AND

(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, \$40,000,000.

(f) The State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for public school construction purposes to a county board from any other source.

(g) The Interagency Committee shall adopt procedures necessary to implement this section.

Article – Economic Development

10-645.

(1) On October 1, 2013, and each [October 1] **JANUARY 15** thereafter, the Authority, Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, and the Interagency Committee on School Construction jointly shall report to the Governor, the Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the fiscal committees of the General Assembly, on the progress of replacements, renovations, and maintenance of Baltimore City public school facilities, including actions:

(1) taken during the previous fiscal year; and

(2) planned for the current fiscal year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 28, 2016.