

SENATE BILL 401

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CF HB 415

By: **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Bailey, Carozza, Cassilly, Corderman, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Jennings, Ready, Salling, Simonaire, and West**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2022

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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)

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 UNITED STATES
19 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM TO
20 ATTEND ELIGIBLE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

21 (B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE BOOST**
2 **PROGRAM:**

3 **(1) \$10,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024;**

4 **(2) \$12,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025;**

5 **(3) \$14,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND**

6 **(4) \$16,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
7 **THEREAFTER.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2022.