

SENATE BILL 552

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SB 401/22 – B&T

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By: **Senators Corderman, Bailey, Carozza, Folden, Gallion, Hershey, Jennings, McKay, Mautz, Ready, Salling, Simonaire, and West**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

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 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.

21 (B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A
22 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE BOOST

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **PROGRAM:**2 **(1) \$10,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026;**3 **(2) \$12,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027;**4 **(3) \$14,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND**5 **(4) \$16,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
6 **THEREAFTER.**7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2024.