

SENATE BILL 662

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By: **Senators Miller, King, and Pinsky**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education Grant**
3 **(Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget
5 for certain fiscal years to increase the number of green schools in the State;
6 specifying the purposes for which the funds may be used; requiring that a certain
7 evaluation be conducted in a certain manner, examine certain issues, and be
8 provided to certain persons; and generally relating to green schools.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–117
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Green schools support the State’s efforts to curb climate change and
16 meet the State’s environmental education goals established under COMAR 13A.04.17; now,
17 therefore,

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–117.**

22 **(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN THE**
23 **STATE BUDGET TO THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **OUTDOOR EDUCATION FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GREEN SCHOOLS IN THE**
2 **STATE:**

3 (1) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$300,000;**

4 (2) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$309,000;**

5 (3) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, \$318,500;**

6 (4) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$328,850; AND**

7 (5) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$336,600.**

8 (B) **THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
9 **MAY ONLY BE USED AS FOLLOWS:**

10 (1) **TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSIST WITH**
11 **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS TO AND FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED**
12 **ACTIVITIES, OR SUPPORT SCHOOL PROJECTS THAT INCORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL**
13 **BEST PRACTICES FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING, ENERGY CONSERVATION, WATER**
14 **CONSERVATION, SCHOOLYARD HABITAT, OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS,**
15 **TRANSPORTATION, OR HEALTH, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:**

16 (I) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$129,250;**

17 (II) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$149,000;**

18 (III) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, \$155,000;**

19 (IV) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$161,450; AND**

20 (V) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$165,000;**

21 (2) **TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS IN**
22 **THE STATE WHO WILL PROVIDE GREEN SCHOOLS TRAINING AND ASSIST SCHOOLS**
23 **WITH BECOMING A GREEN SCHOOL, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:**

24 (I) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$125,750;**

25 (II) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$130,000;**

26 (III) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, \$133,500;**

1 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$137,400; AND

2 (V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$141,600;

3 (3) TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE GREEN SCHOOL EVENTS, FOR EACH OF
4 FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$15,000;

5 (4) TO CONDUCT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
6 SECTION, AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED
7 UNDER THIS SECTION ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GREEN SCHOOLS IN THE
8 STATE, FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$10,000; AND

9 (5) TO CREATE AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR A SCHOOL TO
10 APPLY TO GET FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

11 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$20,000; AND

12 (II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2025, \$5,000.

13 (C) THE ANNUAL EVALUATION FUNDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS
14 SECTION SHALL:

15 (1) BE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY IN CALENDAR YEARS 2022 THROUGH
16 2026;

17 (2) BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR THAT HAS
18 EXPERIENCE EVALUATING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS;

19 (3) EXAMINE WHETHER THE FUNDING HAS:

20 (I) INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN
21 SCHOOLS;

22 (II) PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO MORE
23 TEACHERS; AND

24 (III) INCREASED THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY OF STUDENTS;
25 AND

26 (4) ON COMPLETION, BE PROVIDED TO:

27 (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

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- 1 **(II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**
- 2 **(III) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT;**
- 3 **(IV) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;**
- 4 **(V) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES;**
- 5 **(VI) THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
6 **AFFAIRS COMMITTEE;**
- 7 **(VII) THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS; AND**
- 8 **(VIII) THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**
9 **COMMITTEE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2019.