

HOUSE BILL 273

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By: **Delegates Queen, Barkley, Hixson, Kelly, and Luedtke**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Summer Meals Expansion Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Summer Meals Expansion Grant Program; providing
4 for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to
5 administer the Program; authorizing certain uses of funds in the Program; requiring
6 a sponsor that has received a certain grant in a certain year to continue to receive
7 the grant subject to certain conditions; requiring certain applicants to show certain
8 evidence when applying for a grant under the Program; requiring the Department to
9 establish certain procedures; establishing the Summer Meals Expansion Grant Fund
10 as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the
11 Department to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund
12 and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund;
13 specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment
14 of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Governor to make a
15 certain annual appropriation to the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally
16 relating to the Summer Meals Expansion Grant Program.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Education
19 Section 7–606
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **7–606.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(2) "FUND" MEANS THE SUMMER MEALS EXPANSION GRANT FUND.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE SUMMER MEALS EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.

(4) "SITE" MEANS A PHYSICAL LOCATION WHERE MEALS ARE SERVED TO CHILDREN THROUGH THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

(5) "SPONSOR" MEANS A SCHOOL, PUBLIC AGENCY, OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO OPERATE THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

(6) "SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM" MEANS THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAM THAT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) (1) THERE IS A GRANT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE SUMMER MEALS EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(I) BROADEN THE AVAILABILITY OF SPONSORS AND SITES IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE FREE MEALS TO CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER; AND

(II) LEVERAGE AVAILABLE FEDERAL MEAL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(D) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SPONSORS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND THE NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED THROUGH THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

(2) FUNDS GRANTED TO A SPONSOR UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED TO:

(I) ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL SITES OR EXPAND EXISTING SITES;

(II) TRANSPORT CHILDREN TO SITES;

1 (III) CREATE OUTREACH AND MARKETING PROGRAMS TO
2 INFORM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM; AND

3 (VI) ESTABLISH ANY OTHER PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES TO
4 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND THE NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED
5 THROUGH THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

6 (3) A SPONSOR THAT HAS RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM
7 IN THE CURRENT YEAR SHALL BE AWARDED A GRANT IN THE NEXT YEAR IF THE
8 SPONSOR CONTINUES TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.

9 (4) AN APPLICANT TO THE PROGRAM MUST SHOW EVIDENCE OF THE
10 COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OR COUNTY BOARD TO PROVIDE 100% MATCHING
11 FUNDS FOR ANY GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:

13 (I) APPLICATION PROCEDURES; AND

14 (II) ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR CRITERIA NECESSARY TO
15 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

16 (E) (1) THERE IS A SUMMER MEALS EXPANSION GRANT FUND.

17 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE
18 PROGRAM.

19 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

20 (4) (I) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
21 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

22 (II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND
23 SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

24 (5) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

25 (I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE
26 FUND; AND

27 (II) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED
28 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

1 **(6) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR GRANTS MADE BY THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROGRAM.**

3 **(7) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE**
4 **FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

5 **(II) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE**
6 **CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

7 **(8) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

9 **(9) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 TO**
10 **THE FUND.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2017.