

HOUSE BILL 1346

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By: **Delegates Haynes, Chang, Corderman, Jackson, and McKay**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2019

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Student Peer Mediation Program Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Student Peer Mediation Program Fund as a special,
4 nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose, use, and contents of the Fund; requiring the
5 Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to
6 administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the
7 Comptroller, in conjunction with the Executive Director, to account for the Fund;
8 requiring the Governor annually to appropriate a certain amount for the Fund;
9 providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing
10 that expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State
11 budget; providing that the accounts and transactions of the Fund shall be subject to
12 a certain audit; requiring the Executive Director to establish certain procedures for
13 the disbursement of money from the Fund and, subject to a certain priority, award
14 grants from the Fund; requiring that an applicant provide the Executive Director
15 with certain information; specifying that money distributed from the Fund shall be
16 used to supplement, and not supplant, certain other funding; requiring interest
17 earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain
18 provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General
19 Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Student Peer Mediation
20 Program Fund.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Public Safety

23 Section 4–1201 through 4–1203 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12. Student
24 Peer Mediation Program Fund”

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2018 Replacement Volume)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

28 Article – State Finance and Procurement

29 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – State Finance and Procurement
5 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)112. and 113.
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

8 BY adding to
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)114.
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **SUBTITLE 12. STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.**

17 **4–1201.**

18 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

22 (C) “FUND” MEANS THE STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.

23 (D) “STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT
24 TRAINS STUDENTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

25 **4–1202.**

26 (A) THERE IS A STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.

27 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO
28 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY–BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO
29 ESTABLISH STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS TO REDUCE JUVENILE
30 VIOLENCE.

31 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

1 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
2 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

3 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY
4 AND THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
5 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

6 (E) (1) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

7 (I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE
8 FUND;

9 (II) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

10 (III) MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE
11 BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

12 (2) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL APPROPRIATE AT LEAST
13 \$250,000 FOR THE FUND.

14 (F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO
15 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO
16 ESTABLISH STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS TO REDUCE JUVENILE
17 VIOLENCE.

18 (G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
19 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

20 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
21 THE FUND.

22 (H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
23 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

24 (I) THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT
25 TO AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE
26 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

27 4-1203.

28 (A) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR
29 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY TO APPLY

1 FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

2 (2) A SCHOOL OR A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT
3 APPLIES FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
4 WITH:

5 (I) A PLAN THAT DETAILS HOW THE PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL
6 TRAIN STUDENTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES; AND

7 (II) ANY INFORMATION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEEMS
8 NECESSARY.

9 (B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO
10 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

11 (C) MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT,
12 AND NOT SUPPLANT, ANY OTHER FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE
13 TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 6–226.

16 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
17 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
18 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
19 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
20 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
21 Fund of the State.

22 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
23 to the following funds:

24 112. the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund; [and]

25 113. the Veteran Employment and Transition Success Fund;

26 AND

27 114. THE STUDENT PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FUND.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2019.