

HOUSE BILL 494

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HB 91/21 – APP

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CF SB 127

By: **Delegates Jackson and Bhandari**
Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022
Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund to provide grant
4 assistance to local governments and organizations to create and support police
5 athletic league programs; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office
6 of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer and establish
7 procedures for the Fund; and generally relating to the Police Athletic League Grant
8 Fund.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 4–1601 through 4–1603 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Police
12 Athletic League Grant Fund”
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **SUBTITLE 16. POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.**

19 **4–1601.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
23 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) “FUND” MEANS THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.**

2 **(D) “POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS” MEANS PROGRAMS OPERATED**
3 **BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BUILD**
4 **RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUTH, POLICE, AND THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING**
5 **EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATING YOUTH**
6 **WITH THE GOAL OF PREVENTING JUVENILE CRIME.**

7 **4-1602.**

8 **(A) THERE IS A POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND.**

9 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO**
10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT POLICE**
11 **ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROGRAMS.**

12 **(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

13 **(D) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE**
14 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE FUND.**

15 **(E) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL**
16 **GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED UNDER**
17 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

18 **4-1603.**

19 **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL**
20 **GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.**

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
22 **October 1, 2022.**