

# SENATE BILL 180

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(9lr1987)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senator King**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility requirements for the Robotics Grant Program to  
4 include certain ~~nonprofit~~ organizations ~~and community clubs~~; ~~repealing the~~  
5 ~~requirement for existing nonprofit robotics clubs to be associated with a public school~~  
6 ~~to be eligible for the Program~~; requiring the Governor to increase a certain  
7 appropriation to the Program in the State budget; requiring the State Department of  
8 Education to award grants in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and  
9 generally relating to the Robotics Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 7–123  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 7–123.

5 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT**  
6 **ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES A MAJORITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL:**

7 **(1) PROVIDES YOUTH WITH AN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME EXPERIENCE**  
8 **THAT FOCUSES ON PERSONAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND**

9 **(2) SERVES PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AS A MAJORITY OF ITS**  
10 **PARTICIPATING YOUTH.**

11 ~~(a)~~ **(B)** (1) There is a Robotics Grant Program in the State.

12 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to public schools ~~and~~  
13 ~~nonprofit~~ **ELIGIBLE** [robotics] **ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY clubs** in the State to  
14 support existing robotics programs and to increase the number of robotics programs in the  
15 State.

16 ~~(b)~~ **(C)** ~~{(1)}~~ A school, ~~A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A COMMUNITY~~  
17 ~~CLUB OR AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION~~ is eligible to receive a grant under this section if  
18 the school, ~~NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY~~  
19 ~~CLUB~~ is proposing a new robotics program or club or has an existing robotics program or  
20 club.

21 ~~{(2)}~~ An ~~existing nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION** is  
22 eligible to receive a grant under this section **ONLY** if the ~~nonprofit robotics club~~ **ELIGIBLE**  
23 **ORGANIZATION** is associated with a public school.~~}~~

24 ~~(c)~~ **(D)** The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation  
25 of at least ~~[\$250,000]~~ ~~\$500,000~~ **\$350,000** to the Program.

26 ~~(d)~~ **(E)** **(1)** The Department shall implement and administer the Program in  
27 accordance with this section.

28 **(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD**  
29 **GRANTS TO ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AMONG THE GRANTEES.**

30 ~~(e)~~ **(F)** The Department may adopt regulations to implement the requirements of  
31 this section.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.