

SENATE BILL 406

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appropriate general funds to the Maryland
4 Freestate Challenge Academy in an amount equal to 25% of a certain target per
5 pupil foundation amount for certain cadets beginning in a certain fiscal year;
6 requiring a county board of education to reimburse a certain fund a certain amount
7 for certain cadets; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Military
8 Department and the State Department of Education, to establish a certain process;
9 providing that certain funds are supplemental and may not supplant any other
10 certain funds; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the funding of the
11 Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 13–410

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **13–410.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
22 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “ACADEMY” MEANS THE MARYLAND FREESTATE CHALLENGE**
2 **ACADEMY OPERATED BY THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.**

3 **(3) “COUNTY BOARD” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE**
4 **EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

5 **(4) “TARGET PER PUPIL FOUNDATION AMOUNT” HAS THE MEANING**
6 **STATED IN § 5-202 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

7 **(B) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR**
8 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE ACADEMY GENERAL**
9 **FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 25% OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TARGET PER**
10 **PUPIL FOUNDATION AMOUNT FOR EACH CADET ENROLLED IN THE ACADEMY WHO**
11 **WAS INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT OR PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**
12 **ENROLLMENT OF A COUNTY AS CALCULATED UNDER § 5-202 OF THE EDUCATION**
13 **ARTICLE.**

14 **(2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR**
15 **THEREAFTER, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL REIMBURSE THE GENERAL STATE SCHOOL**
16 **FUND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PROVIDED TO THE ACADEMY UNDER**
17 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR EACH CADET WHO WAS INCLUDED IN THE**
18 **CURRENT OR PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT OF THAT**
19 **COUNTY AS CALCULATED UNDER § 5-202 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

20 **(3) THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MILITARY**
21 **DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL ESTABLISH**
22 **THE APPROPRIATE PROCESS TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23 **(C) THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL**
24 **AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT ANY OTHER STATE FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE ACADEMY.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2016.