

Chapter 408

(Senate Bill 482)

AN ACT concerning

**Governor's Office for Children – Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations,
Unions, Governments, and Households (ENOUGH) Grant Program
(ENOUGH Act of 2024)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Children's Cabinet to meet a certain number of times each year; requiring the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children to chair the Children's Cabinet; requiring the Governor's Office for Children to staff the Children's Cabinet; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to submit a certain recommendation to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; establishing the Governor's Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children as the head of the Office; requiring the Special Secretary to establish the ENOUGH grant program, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Office to assign certain staff for a certain purpose; establishing certain reporting and evaluation requirements; establishing the ENOUGH Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Children's Cabinet to submit a certain plan on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to develop a certain database on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Governor's Office for Children.

BY repealingArticle – EducationSection 5-223(g)Annotated Code of Maryland(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)BY renumberingArticle – EducationSection 5-223(h)to be Section 5-223(g)Annotated Code of Maryland(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)BY adding toArticle – Human ServicesSection 8-103 and 8-104Annotated Code of Maryland(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6-226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)191.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–2801 through 9–2805 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 28. Governor’s
Office for Children”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

*SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 5–223(g) of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
repealed.*

*SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5–223(h) of Article
– Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–223(g).*

~~SECTION 3. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND~~
AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Human Services

8–103.

*(A) THE CHILDREN’S CABINET SHALL MEET NOT LESS THAN FOUR TIMES A
YEAR IN OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO STATE NEEDS FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.*

(B) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL CHAIR THE CHILDREN’S CABINET.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL STAFF THE CHILDREN’S CABINET.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE CHILDREN'S CABINET SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CHILDREN'S CABINET MEETINGS IN THE PRIOR YEAR AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

8-104.

(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS OF POVERTY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT METHODS USED TO CALCULATE INDICATORS OF POVERTY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE:

(I) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE DATA NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT EACH METHODOLOGY; AND

(II) ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 5-223 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE DATA NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT EACH METHODOLOGY.

(3) IN COMPLETING THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL:

(I) EVALUATE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN THE SMALL INCOME AND POVERTY ESTIMATES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT POVERTY ESTIMATES;

(II) EVALUATE THE AREA DEPRIVATION INDEX DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON TO RANK NEIGHBORHOODS BY SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS DISADVANTAGE;

(III) ANALYZE HOW OTHER STATES APPROACH MEASURING POVERTY;

(IV) ANALYZE HOW OTHER STATES CALCULATE ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION; AND

(v) CONSULT WITH EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR INPUT.

(4) ANY STATE AGENCY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER, SHALL SHARE ANY DATA NEEDED BY THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025, THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, SHALL SUBMIT A METHODOLOGICAL RECOMMENDATION, BASED ON THE OFFICE'S REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) THE RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE AN UPDATED METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATORY GRANTS UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, AND IF SO, AN UPDATED METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION FORMULA UNDER § 5-222 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

6–226.

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

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

189. the Teacher Retention and Development Fund; [and]

190. the Protecting Against Hate Crimes Grant Fund; AND

191. THE ENOUGH GRANT FUND.

Article – State Government

SUBTITLE 28. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

9-2801.

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

(B) “ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD” MEANS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT INCLUDES CENSUS TRACTS WITH MORE THAN 30% OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY AND IS SERVED BY, AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE, A COMMUNITY SCHOOL WITH A CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY LEVEL, AS DEFINED IN § 5-223 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, OF:

(1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND 2026, AT LEAST 80%;

(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029, AT LEAST 75%;

(3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2030, AT LEAST 60%; AND

(4) IN FISCAL YEAR 2031, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AT LEAST 55%.

~~(B) (1) “FISCAL AGENT” MEANS AN ENTITY THAT MANAGES FISCAL MATTERS FOR THE GRANT APPLICANT OR GRANT RECIPIENT.~~

~~(2) “FISCAL AGENT” INCLUDES A NONPROFIT ENTITY, LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, OR LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD.~~

(C) “FUND” MEANS THE ENOUGH GRANT FUND.

~~(D) “LEAD PARTNER” MEANS A NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ACROSS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND DRIVING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE GRANT APPLICANT OR GRANT RECIPIENT.~~

~~(E)~~ (D) “OFFICE” MEANS THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

~~(F) (1) “PARTNER ORGANIZATION” MEANS AN ENTITY PARTICIPATING IN AN ENOUGH GRANT PARTNERSHIP.~~

~~(2) “PARTNER ORGANIZATION” INCLUDES:~~

~~(i) A LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION;~~

~~(ii) A UNION OR WORKER ORGANIZATION;~~

~~(III) AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION, INCLUDING LOCAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, OR LOCAL CARE MANAGEMENT TEAMS;~~

~~(IV) A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER OR ORGANIZATION;~~

~~(V) A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND~~

~~(VI) A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION.~~

(E) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM.

~~(E)~~ (F) “SPECIAL SECRETARY” MEANS THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

9-2802.

(A) THERE IS A GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

(B) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

9-2803.

(A) ~~(1)~~ SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AN ENOUGH GRANT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADVANCE PLACE-BASED STRATEGIES TARGETING CHILD POVERTY.

~~(2) THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE:~~

~~(I) A PHASED APPROACH TO GRANT AWARDS; AND~~

~~(II) TIERS OF GRANT AWARDS.~~

(B) THE PURPOSE OF ENOUGH GRANTS MADE BY THE OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION IS TO:

(1) INCREASE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY;

(2) PROVIDE “CRADLE TO CAREER” ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND CARE;

(3) CONNECT RESIDENTS TO QUALITY JOBS AND IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS;

(4) ENABLE FAMILY-SUSTAINING INCOME AND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HIGH-QUALITY HOUSING, CHILD CARE, AND HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE; ~~AND~~

(5) PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, CHILD WELFARE, AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS;

~~(6) CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO STATE PROGRAMS; AND~~

~~(7) LEVERAGE FEDERAL, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE FUNDING FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD.~~

~~(c) THE OFFICE MAY AWARD ENOUGH GRANTS FOR:~~

~~(1) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS;~~

~~(2) NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN AND PLACE-BASED STRATEGIES;~~

~~(3) REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS OF UP TO \$500,000 EACH YEAR FOR UP TO 3 YEARS FOR REGIONAL NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES, INCLUDING LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS, TO SUPPORT ENOUGH APPLICANTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION TO IMPLEMENT COMPONENTS OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN, PLACE-BASED STRATEGIES; AND~~

~~(4) PLANNING GRANTS OF UP TO \$300,000 FOR COMMUNITIES THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME TO BUILD LOCAL ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY TO SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTE A COORDINATED STRATEGY.~~

~~(d) AN APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:~~

~~(1) SERVES A COMMUNITY THAT INCLUDES CENSUS TRACTS WITH MORE THAN 20% OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY; AND~~

~~(2) REPRESENTS A PARTNERSHIP THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION, ONE PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND HAS IDENTIFIED:~~

~~(I) A LEAD PARTNER; AND~~

~~(II) A FISCAL AGENT.~~

~~(E) A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RECIPIENT MAY:~~

~~(1) DESIGNATE THE LEAD PARTNER TO SERVE AS THE FISCAL AGENT; AND~~

~~(2) IF THE LEAD PARTNER DOES NOT HAVE EXPERTISE IN DATA USE, PARTNER WITH AN ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH THAT EXPERTISE.~~

~~(F) THE OFFICE SHALL ATTEMPT TO AWARD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.~~

~~(G) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ASSIGN AT LEAST ONE STAFF PERSON TO EACH PARTNERSHIP THAT RECEIVES A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT.~~

~~(2) A STAFF PERSON ASSIGNED TO A PARTNERSHIP UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:~~

~~(I) ASSIST THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NAVIGATING FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE FUNDING STREAMS; AND~~

~~(II) SERVE AS A LIAISON FOR THE PARTNERSHIP AND STATE GOVERNMENT.~~

(C) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ANNUALLY IDENTIFY AND COMMUNICATE TO EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR THE PROGRAM.

(2) (I) THE OFFICE MAY DETERMINE THAT BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR SIMILARITIES IN RESIDENTS AND NEEDS THAT A REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD MAXIMIZE RESOURCES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(II) A REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD MAY NOT RECEIVE LESS FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE COORDINATION OF MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS.

(D) (1) ONCE THE OFFICE IDENTIFIES AN ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL ENGAGE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY, SEEK INPUT FROM RESIDENTS, AND APPROVE A LEAD PARTNER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(2) A LEAD PARTNER MAY BE A:

(I) LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD;

(II) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY;

(III) COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY;

(IV) LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION; OR

(V) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(3) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND PROCESSES FOR DETERMINING THE LEAD PARTNER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(4) THE OFFICE MAY ASSIGN STAFF OR PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(5) THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES DEFINED BY THE OFFICE.

(E) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, EACH LEAD PARTNER SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE, IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE, TO COMPLETE A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(II) EACH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

1. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND SAFETY NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY;

2. AN IMMEDIATE PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE TO THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD;

3. A LONG-TERM PLAN, INCLUDING GOALS, FOR THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD;

4. A DESCRIPTION OF WHERE STATE FUNDING IS BEING REQUESTED TO BE SPENT IN THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD; AND

5. ANY ADDITIONAL STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE.

(III) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES FOR DEVELOPING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR EACH ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING:

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT BY MEMBERS OF THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD’S COMMUNITY;

2. LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD INPUT AND ASSISTANCE;
AND

3. DEADLINES AND REVIEW PROCESSES.

(IV) THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND NOT CONFLICT WITH THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMPLETED FOR THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL SERVED BY THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(V) IN COMPLETING THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(VI) IN COMPLETING THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE LEAD PARTNER MAY COORDINATE WITH:

1. LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS;

2. UNION OR WORKER ORGANIZATIONS;

3. ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING LOCAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, OR LOCAL CARE MANAGEMENT TEAMS;

4. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; OR

5. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

(VII) IF AN ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS COMPLETED A RECENT ASSESSMENT SIMILAR TO THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE MAY REQUIRE THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD TO ONLY SUBMIT AN

ABBREVIATED NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT ADDRESSES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEAD PARTNER, THE OFFICE MAY ASSIST THE LEAD PARTNER TO COMPLETE A NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

(3) (I) THE LEAD PARTNER SHALL SUBMIT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO THE OFFICE FOR APPROVAL.

(II) IF APPROVED, AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE, TO THE LEAD PARTNER WHO HAS MET STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE, TO COMPLETE THE ITEMS IN THE ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

(H) (F) THE OFFICE MAY CONSULT WITH ENTITIES THAT IT DEEMS RELEVANT TO SUPPORT ENOUGH PARTNERSHIPS.

9-2804.

(A) THE OFFICE MAY APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND SPEND GRANTS-IN-AID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, OR ANY OTHER FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICE FOR USE IN CARRYING OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OR THE OFFICE.

(B) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENOUGH GRANT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES:

- (1) ACCOUNTING OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES; AND**
- (2) PROGRESS AND OUTCOME METRICS AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE.**

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2027, THE OFFICE SHALL CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE ENOUGH GRANT PROGRAM AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY~~ SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(2) THE REPORT MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF:

(I) THE PROGRESS MADE IN JURISDICTIONS RECEIVING ENOUGH GRANTS BASED ON THE OUTCOME METRICS PRODUCED BY THE GRANT RECIPIENTS;

(II) THE IMPACT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY; AND

(III) POLICY CHANGES ENACTED AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL DESIGNED TO ENABLE BETTER COORDINATION AND EFFICACY.

9-2805.

(A) THERE IS AN ENOUGH GRANT FUND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT ENOUGH GRANTS MADE BY THE OFFICE UNDER § 9-2803 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

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

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(2) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR ENOUGH GRANTS MADE UNDER § 9-2803 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

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

(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$15,000,000 TO THE FUND.

(J) AN APPROPRIATION MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ANY FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FOR PLACE-BASED SUPPORT.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2025, the Children’s Cabinet shall submit the State’s 3-year plan for children, youth, and families, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 2025, the Governor’s Office for Children shall develop a public centralized database of all State, local, and private resources available for children, youth, and families in the State.

SECTION ~~2~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.