

SENATE BILL 662

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By: **Senators Miller, King, and Pinsky**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education Grant**
3 **(Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget
5 for certain fiscal years to increase the number of green schools in the State;
6 specifying the purposes for which the funds may be used; requiring that a certain
7 evaluation be conducted in a certain manner, examine certain issues, and be
8 provided to certain persons; and generally relating to green schools.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–117
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Green schools support the State’s efforts to curb climate change and
16 meet the State’s environmental education goals established under COMAR 13A.04.17; now,
17 therefore,

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

20 **Article – Education**

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.



1 7-117.

2 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN THE
3 STATE BUDGET TO THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND
4 OUTDOOR EDUCATION FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GREEN SCHOOLS IN THE
5 STATE:

6 (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, ~~\$300,000~~ \$278,750;

7 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, ~~\$309,000~~ \$268,300;

8 (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ~~\$318,500~~ \$272,100;

9 (4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, ~~\$328,850~~ \$276,400; AND

10 (5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, ~~\$336,600~~ \$280,850; AND

11 (6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$216,600.

12 (B) THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
13 MAY ONLY BE USED AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSIST WITH
15 TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS TO AND FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED
16 ACTIVITIES, OR SUPPORT SCHOOL PROJECTS THAT INCORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL
17 BEST PRACTICES FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING, ENERGY CONSERVATION, WATER
18 CONSERVATION, SCHOOLYARD HABITAT, OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS,
19 TRANSPORTATION, OR HEALTH, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

20 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, ~~\$129,250~~ \$115,000;

21 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, ~~\$149,000~~ \$115,300;

22 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ~~\$155,000~~ \$115,600;

23 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, ~~\$161,450~~ \$116,000; AND

24 (V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, ~~\$165,000~~ \$116,250; AND

25 (VI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$116,600;

26 (2) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS IN
27 THE STATE WHO WILL PROVIDE GREEN SCHOOLS TRAINING AND ASSIST SCHOOLS
28 WITH BECOMING A GREEN SCHOOL, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

1 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$125,750;

2 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$130,000;

3 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, \$133,500;

4 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$137,400; ~~AND~~

5 (V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$141,600; AND

6 (VI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$85,000;

7 (3) TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE GREEN SCHOOL EVENTS, ~~FOR EACH OF~~
8 ~~FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$15,000;~~ THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

9 (I) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$8,000;
10 AND

11 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$6,000;

12 (4) TO CONDUCT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
13 SECTION, AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED
14 UNDER THIS SECTION ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GREEN SCHOOLS IN THE
15 STATE, ~~FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$10,000; AND THE~~
16 FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

17 (I) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025, \$10,000;
18 AND

19 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$4,000; AND

20 (5) TO CREATE AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR A SCHOOL TO
21 APPLY TO GET FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS:

22 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$20,000; AND

23 (II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH ~~2025~~ 2026,
24 \$5,000.

25 (C) THE ANNUAL EVALUATION FUNDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS
26 SECTION SHALL:

27 (1) BE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY IN CALENDAR YEARS 2022 THROUGH
28 ~~2026~~ 2027;

1 **(2) BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR THAT HAS**
2 **EXPERIENCE EVALUATING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS;**

3 **(3) EXAMINE WHETHER THE FUNDING HAS:**

4 **(I) INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN**
5 **SCHOOLS;**

6 **(II) PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO MORE**
7 **TEACHERS; AND**

8 **(III) INCREASED THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY OF STUDENTS;**
9 **AND**

10 **(4) ON COMPLETION, BE PROVIDED TO:**

11 **(I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

12 **(II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

13 **(III) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT;**

14 **(IV) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;**

15 **(V) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES;**

16 **(VI) THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
17 **AFFAIRS COMMITTEE;**

18 **(VII) THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS; AND**

19 **(VIII) THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**
20 **COMMITTEE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.