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# **ENROLLED BILL**

- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations

Introduced by Senators Kagan, Augustine, Bailey, Beidle, Benson, Carozza, Carter, Cassilly, Eckardt, Edwards, Elfreth, Ellis, Feldman, Ferguson, Gallion, Griffith, Guzzone, Hayes, Hershey, Hester, <u>Hettleman</u>, Hough, Jennings, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lam, Lee, McCray, Miller, Patterson, Peters, Pinsky, Ready, Reilly, Rosapepe, Salling, Serafini, Simonaire, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, Washington, West, Young, and Zucker

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.
President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 AN ACT concerning

# 2 Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council;
 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; establishing the
 terms of certain members of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from
 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
 expenses; requiring the Council to advise the Governor's Grants Office and the Board
 of Public Works Department of Budget and Management regarding certain matters;
 requiring the Council to monitor and report on certain matters; requiring the Council

## 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.



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1 to study and make recommendations to the Governor's Grants Office and the Board  $\mathbf{2}$ Department regarding the grants life cycle, including the creation of certain 3 materials for use by certain grant-making agencies, grant applicants, and grant 4 recipients, certain regulations, and certain recommended timelines and deadlines; requiring the Council to solicit the input of certain stakeholders and authorizing the  $\mathbf{5}$ 6 Council to establish certain working groups; requiring the Board to adopt by regulation a certain uniform grant application form, uniform financial controls and  $\overline{7}$ 8 reporting requirements, and uniform performance progress reporting requirements 9 on or before a certain date; requiring the uniform grant application form, uniform 10 financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress reporting requirements to be based on recommendations of the Council and, to the greatest 11 extent practicable, be consistent with certain federal guidance and related forms; 1213 requiring the Board to adopt certain portions of a certain guidance on or before certain dates: requiring a certain agency that awards certain grant funds to 1415administer grants in a certain manner on or after a certain date; authorizing a 16 certain agency to apply for an exception to a certain requirement under certain 17circumstances; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Council and the 18 Governor's Grants Office, to adopt regulations governing the consideration and 19 <del>approval of certain requests</del> Council to submit a certain report to the Department 20and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring a certain State 21agency to appoint a <del>certain</del> Chief Accountability Officer on or before a certain date; 22requiring the Governor's Grants Office to provide technical assistance and 23interpretations of policy requirements for certain purposes; providing that the provisions of this Act and any regulations adopted under this Act supersede certain 2425<del>conflicting regulations;</del> defining <del>a certain term</del> certain terms; requiring the <del>Board</del> 26and the Governor's Grants Office to jointly Department to report to the General 27Assembly on or before <del>a certain date</del> certain dates; specifying the terms of the initial 28members of the Council: providing for the termination of this Act; and generally 29relating to the development and adoption of a uniform grant application form, 30 uniform financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform progress 31 reporting requirements.

32 BY adding to

- 33 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 34 Section 2–209 and 2–210
- 35 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 36 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

| 39 | Article – | State | Finance | and | Procure | ement |
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40 **2–209.** 

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT 1  $\mathbf{2}$ **GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL.** THERE IS A MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL. 3 **(B)** 4 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR  $\mathbf{5}$ **(I)** 6 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE: 7 **(II)** THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR THE CHIEF **PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;** 8 9 (III) THE STATE TREASURER OR THE STATE TREASURER'S 10 **DESIGNEE;** THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S 11 (IV) 12 **DESIGNEE**; THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE 13**(**V**)** 14**SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE:** (VI) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR THE SECRETARY'S 1516 **DESIGNEE;** 17(VII) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES THE OR **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;** 18 (VIII) THE SECRETARY HOUSING AND **COMMUNITY** 19 OF **DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;** 20(IX) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S 2122**DESIGNEE;** 23THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT. OR THE **(**X**)** 24**SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;** 25(XI) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE; 26(XII) THE DIRECTOR OF THE 27MARYLAND ENERGY 28**ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;** 

1 (IX) (XIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 3 DESIGNEE;

4 (X) (XIV) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE 5 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

6 (XI) (XV) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 7 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND

8 (XIV) THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION 9 COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;

- 10 <u>(XV)</u> <u>THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE</u> 11 <u>SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;</u>
- 12(XVI) (XV) (XVI)A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND13ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;
- 14(XVII) (XVII)A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE15MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND
- 16 (XII) (XVIII) (XVIII) FOUR FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF 17 PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING SERVICES 18 FUNDED BY STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS <u>AND THAT REFLECT THE SIZE AND</u> 19 <u>DIVERSITY OF THE NONPROFIT GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE STATE</u>, APPOINTED BY 20 THE GOVERNOR;

21(XIX)ONEREPRESENTATIVEOFAPRIVATE22NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

23(XIV) (XX)ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE NONPROFIT24ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

- 25 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 26 APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XII) (1)(XVIII) (1)(XVIII) OF THIS 27 SUBSECTION.
- 28 (II) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.
- (III) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY
   THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON JULY 1, 2020.

(IV) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE
 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.
 (V) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN
 SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
 AND QUALIFIES.
 (VI) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR NEGLECT OF

8 (D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE OR THE 9 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

10 (E) THE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE SHARED 11 BY THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

12 (F) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

DUTY, INCOMPETENCE OR MISCONDUCT.

13(1)MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE14COUNCIL; BUT

15 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE 16 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

17 (G) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

18(1) ADVISE THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF19PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT20IMPLEMENTATION OF § 2-110 2-210 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) MONITOR AND REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE
 AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
 ON THE STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING § 2–110 2–210 OF THIS
 SUBTITLE.

25 **2–210.** 

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26 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 27 INDICATED.

28 (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

29 (3) (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT 30 APPLICATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–209 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

"DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND 1 (3) 2MANAGEMENT. "GRANT" MEANS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT OF FINANCIAL 3 (4) **(I)** 4 ASSISTANCE BETWEEN A STATE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND A NON-STATE ENTITY  $\mathbf{5}$ THAT IS: 6 USED TO ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP THE 1. 7 PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO TRANSFER ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM THE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY TO THE GRANT RECIPIENT TO CARRY OUT A PUBLIC 8 PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND NOT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OR SERVICES FOR 9 10 THE DIRECT BENEFIT OR USE OF THE GRANT-MAKING ENTITY; AND 11 2. **DISTINGUISHED FROM A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT** 12IN THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT BETWEEN THE 13GRANT-MAKING ENTITY AND THE GRANT RECIPIENT IN CARRYING OUT THE ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED BY THE AWARD. 14 "GRANT" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INSTRUMENT THAT 15**(II)** 16 **PROVIDES ONLY:** 171. DIRECT GOVERNMENT CASH ASSISTANCE TO AN 18 INDIVIDUAL; 19 2. A SUBSIDY; 203. A LOAN; 21**4.** A LOAN GUARANTEE; 225. **INSURANCE:** 23GRANTS MADE BY THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION **6**. SYSTEM, THE CAPITAL BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE 2425MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: 267. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS MADE BY THE **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; OR** 27288. ANY STATE FUNDING THAT IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY 29AND IS CALCULATED THROUGH A FORMULA SET IN STATUTE.

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1 (4) (5) "GRANT APPLICATION FORM" MEANS A GRANT 2 APPLICATION TEMPLATE AND RELATED MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED 3 BY GRANT APPLICANTS, INCLUDING:

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(I) **REQUIRED ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIALS; AND** 

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(II) PROPOSED BUDGET CATEGORIES AND LINE ITEMS.

6 (5) (6) "UNIFORM GUIDANCE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF 7 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST 8 PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS, 2 C.F.R. PART 9 200.

10 (1) THE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, STREAMLINE AND **(B)** REDUCE REDUNDANT PROCESSES, REDUCE PAPERWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE 11 12BURDENS ON BOTH GRANTING AGENCIES AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, AND FACILITATE 13DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE CENTRALIZED GRANTS MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, THE COUNCIL SHALL STUDY AND 14MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE AND THE BOARD 15**DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ENTIRE GRANTS LIFE CYCLE, INCLUDING:** 16

17 (I) THE CREATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR USE BY 18 GRANT–MAKING AGENCIES, GRANT APPLICANTS, AND GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE 19 STATE:

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(1) <u>1.</u> A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;

21 (II) <u>2.</u> UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING 22 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

23 (HI) <u>3.</u> UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING 24 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS;

(II) <u>REGULATIONS ADOPTING EACH PART OF THE UNIFORM</u>
GUIDANCE, WITH APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS FOR ITS APPLICATION TO
GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING MODIFICATIONS OR
VARIANCES BASED ON THE SCOPE OR SIZE OF PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS,
GRANT-MAKING ENTITIES, OR GRANTEES;

30(III)RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES AND DEADLINES FOR THE31VARIOUS TASKS INCLUDED IN ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

| 1              | (IV) RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR USE AND  |
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| 2              | IMPLEMENTATION BY THE VARIOUS GRANT–MAKING ENTITIES OF THE MATERIALS          |
| 3              | PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND                   |
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| 4              | (V) RECOMMENDED DEADLINES FOR GRANT–MAKING ENTITIES                           |
| 5              | TO ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE                 |
| 6              | PROVISIONS OF PARTS OF UNIFORM GUIDANCE AS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT          |
| $\overline{7}$ | BY REGULATION.  |
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| 8              | (2) IN DEVELOPING <u>MATERIALS AND</u> RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER                  |
| 9              | THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNCIL <u>SHALL</u> :                                   |
| 10             | (I) SHALL SOLICIT THE INPUT OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS,                          |
| 11             | INCLUDING GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING LOCAL          |
| 12             | GOVERNMENTS, GRANT PROFESSIONALS, EXPERTS IN NONPROFIT ACCOUNTING             |
| 13             | AND AUDITING, AND NONPROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND                            |
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| 14             | (II) <del>MAY</del> ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE <del>STAKEHOLDER</del> <u>ISSUE</u> |
| 15             | WORKING GROUPS TO, COMPOSED OF STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING DIVERSE              |
| 16             | BACKGROUNDS APPROPRIATE TO THE CHARGE OF EACH WORKGROUP, AND ALSO             |
| 17             | REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND THE DIVERSITY OF        |
| 18             | GRANT PROGRAMS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING ARTS, HISTORY, AND             |
| 19             | SOCIAL SERVICE, TO PARTICIPATE IN AND FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF               |
| 20             | DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS.   |
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| 21             | (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR                    |
| 22             | BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE BOARD SHALL, BY REGULATION, ADOPT:                   |
| 23             | (I) <u>A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM</u> :                                 |
| 20             | (I) A UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM;   |
| 24             | (II) UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING                                 |
| 25             | REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND  |
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| 26             | (HI) UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING                                   |
| 27             | REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.  |
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| 28             | (2) THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM, UNIFORM FINANCIAL                     |
| 29             | CONTROLS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE                  |
| 30             | PROGRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:          |
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| 31             | (I) BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL                                |
| 32             | DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND                           |

| 1        | (II) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE CONSISTENT                             |
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| 2        | WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND RELATED FORMS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF               |
| 3        | MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.   |
| 4        | ( <del>d)</del> (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the Board shall adopt               |
| <b>5</b> | REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR               |
| 6        | ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.              |
| 7        | (2) On or before July 1, 2024, the Board shall adopt                               |
| 8        | REGULATIONS THAT ADOPT THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR ALL                |
| 9        | STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT AWARD STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.                  |
| 10       | (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,                    |
| 11       | ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, ANY STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT AWARDS STATE OR           |
| 12       | FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS SHALL:   |
| 13       | (I) USE THE UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM   |
| 14       | RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER                          |
| 15       | SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;  |
| 16       | (II) REQUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS                               |
| 17       | IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING                    |
| 18       | REQUIREMENTS AND UNIFORM PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTING                            |
| 19       | REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND                     |
| 20       | <del>(iii)</del> <del>administer State and federal grants in</del>                 |
| 21       | ACCORDANCE WITH PARTS A THROUGH E OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS                      |
| 22       | ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.   |
| 23       | (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,                        |
| 24       | ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, EACH STATE AND LOCAL GRANT-MAKING AGENCY                 |
| 25       | SHALL ADMINISTER STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE                   |
| 26       | ENTIRETY OF THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, AS ADOPTED IN REGULATIONS OF THE                 |
| 27       | BOARD.   |
| 28       | <del>(3)</del> <del>(1)</del> <del>IF A requirement of this subsection or of</del> |
| 29       | REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WOULD CONFLICT WITH                      |
| 30       | APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OR POSE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON A                       |
| 31       | GRANT-MAKING AGENCY, GRANT APPLICANT, OR GRANT RECIPIENT WHEN APPLIED              |
| 32       | TO A PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAM, THE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY THAT                      |
| 33       | ADMINISTERS THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY APPLY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE                    |
| 34       | REQUIREMENT.   |

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| 1              | (II) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL AND                 |
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| 2              | THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE  |
| 3              | CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS UNDER THIS     |
| 4              | PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING WHICH ENTITIES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR         |
| <b>5</b>       | CONSIDERING REQUESTS REGARDING PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAMS.            |
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| 6              | (C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT     |
| $\overline{7}$ | ON ITS FULL RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS |
| 8              | SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE    |

- 9 WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.
- 10 (F) (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020, EACH STATE GRANT–MAKING 11 AGENCY SHALL APPOINT A CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER WHO SHALL:
- 12 (1) SERVE AS A LIAISON TO THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR'S 13 GRANTS OFFICE; AND

# 14 (2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AGENCY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF AND 15 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION 16 IN THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

17(G) (E)THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL18ASSISTANCE AND INTERPRETATIONS OF POLICY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO19ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION BY20STATE AND LOCAL GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act and 22 any regulations adopted under this Act shall supersede any conflicting State regulations 23 regarding requirements for grant applications, financial controls and reporting, or 24 performance progress reporting.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31,
 26 2021, the Board of Public Works and the Governor's Grants Office shall jointly report to the
 27 General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the
 28 implementation of this Act.

- 29 <u>SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with § 2–1257</u>
   30 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall:
- (1) on or before December 31, 2021, report to the General Assembly on the
   implementation of this Act, including the timelines and deadlines recommended by the
   Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council in accordance with § 2–210(b)(1)(iii) of the
   State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

1 (2) on or before December 31 of the calendar years 2022 through 2026, 2 report to the General Assembly on the progress of the implementation of this Act, including 3 any recommendations of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

4 SECTION 4. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial 5 members appointed to the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by the Governor 6 shall expire as follows:

- 7 (1) two members in 2022; and
- 8 (2)  $\frac{\text{two three}}{\text{three}}$  members in 2024.

SECTION 5. <u>4.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
July 1, 2020. <u>It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025</u>,
this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of

12 <u>no further force and effect.</u>

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.