

HOUSE BILL 532

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Driver’s Education Assistance Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Driver’s Education Assistance Grant Program in the
4 State Department of Education to support student driver’s education instruction in
5 public schools; and generally relating to the establishment of the Driver’s Education
6 Assistance Grant Program.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Education
9 Section 7–135
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 **7–135.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE DRIVER’S EDUCATION**
17 **ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

18 **(B) (1) THERE IS A DRIVER’S EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT**
19 **PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

20 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT STUDENT**
21 **DRIVER’S EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT**
2 **FROM THE PROGRAM.**

3 **(D) A PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS**
4 **SECTION IF:**

5 **(1) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL WHO ARE**
6 **ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS IS ABOVE 80%; OR**

7 **(2) THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM**
8 **WHERE THE PERCENT OF RURAL POPULATION IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS ABOVE**
9 **30%, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU'S GEOGRAPHY PROGRAM.**

10 **(E) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY USE A GRANT ONLY TO PROVIDE STUDENTS FREE**
11 **DRIVER'S EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.**

12 **(F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN**
13 **APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

14 **(G) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN \$2,500 AS A GRANT**
15 **FROM THE PROGRAM IN A FISCAL YEAR.**

16 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
17 **1, 2024.**