

HOUSE BILL 1037

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland School Attendance Performance Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland School Attendance Performance
4 Program to reward schools that show substantial improvement in attendance
5 rates; requiring the Program to include certain financial rewards based on
6 certain criteria; requiring the State Board of Education to establish certain
7 guidelines; requiring a school attendance improvement team of a recipient
8 school to determine how certain awards will be used, based on certain
9 conditions; requiring certain principals to file certain reports; and generally
10 relating to the Maryland School Attendance Performance Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 5–219
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **5–219.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) “DATA-BASED AREAS” MEANS THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY
4 THE STATE BOARD FOR WHICH INFORMATION IS TO BE TRACKED FOR EACH
5 SCHOOL, EACH SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND THE STATE.

6 (3) “MARYLAND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERFORMANCE
7 PROGRAM” MEANS A PERFORMANCE BASED EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY
8 PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SCHOOL
9 ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

10 (4) “RECIPIENT SCHOOL” MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
11 RECEIVES A RECOGNITION AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION TO REWARD A SCHOOL THAT
13 SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE RATES FOR THE
14 DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERFORMANCE
15 PROGRAM.

16 (C) (1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE
17 BUDGET, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE
18 RECOGNITION AWARDS TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS THAT
19 SHOW SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE RATES.

20 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE
21 DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS UNDER
22 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

23 (D) (1) THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT TEAM OF A
24 RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL DETERMINE HOW THE AWARD SHALL BE USED
25 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

26 (I) RECOGNITION FUNDS ARE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY
27 NOT SUPPLANT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS REGULARLY
28 APPROPRIATED FOR USE BY THE SCHOOL;

29 (II) RECOGNITION FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR STAFF
30 BONUSES OR DIFFERENTIAL PAY INCREASES; AND

1 **(III) RECOGNITION FUNDS SHALL BE EXPENDED IN**
2 **ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM**
3 **WHERE THE RECIPIENT SCHOOL IS LOCATED.**

4 **(2) THE PRINCIPAL OF A RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL FILE WITH**
5 **THE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT A REPORT INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF**
6 **THE AWARD AND THE USES FOR WHICH IT WAS EXPENDED.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2007.