# CHAPTER 637

## (House Bill 1017)

# AN ACT concerning

# Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Parent-Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Parent–Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State to provide a dollar-for-dollar match up to a certain amount for funds raised by parent-teacher associations in public high schools in Baltimore City and Prince George's County; providing that each public high school in Baltimore City and Prince George's County is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match for private funds raised by the school's parent-teacher association up to a certain amount; limiting the total amount that may be expended under the Program annually; providing for Program funds; defining a certain term; requiring certain persons to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Parent–Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program.

## BY adding to

Article – Education Section 7–116 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

## **Article - Education**

#### 7-116.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND PILOT PROGRAM.
- (B) THERE IS A PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND PILOT PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

### (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

- (1) ENCOURAGE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS; AND
- (2) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.
- (D) THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH UP TO \$250,000 FOR PRIVATE FUNDS RAISED BY EACH PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.
- (D) (1) EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH FOR PRIVATE FUNDS RAISED BY THE SCHOOL'S PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION UP TO:
- (I) IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE AMOUNT RAISED BY THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, NOT TO EXCEED THE SCHOOL'S EQUAL SHARE AS DETERMINED BY DIVIDING \$125,000 BY THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN BALTIMORE CITY; AND
- (II) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE AMOUNT RAISED BY THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, NOT TO EXCEED THE SCHOOL'S EQUAL SHARE AS DETERMINED BY DIVIDING \$125,000 BY THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.
- (2) THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED \$250,000 ANNUALLY.
- (E) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET BY THE GOVERNOR.
- (F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE STATUS OF, AND THE BENEFITS ACCRUED

# FROM, THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND PILOT PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.