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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 128
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “providing” in line 6 down through “Act” in line 7 and substitute “requiring a certain study to include a certain review of the identification of certain students for a certain purpose”.

On page 2, in line 24, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 25, strike “, and shall be applicable beginning in the 2014-2015 school year”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 4, strike “2015,”; in the same line, strike the second comma; in line 8, strike “SCHOOL SYSTEMS” and substitute “COUNTY BOARDS”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 20 down through “PROVISION” in line 23 and substitute “SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR PLUS, THE PRODUCT OF THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS AT PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR PRIOR TO OPTING INTO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION MULTIPLIED BY THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENROLLMENT.”

(III) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CALCULATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II)2B OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM DURING THE PILOT YEAR MAY USE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS DURING THE PILOT YEAR”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The adequacy study required by Chapter 288 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002 shall include a review of the identification of low-income students for the purpose of providing State education aid.

(b) The review shall include an evaluation of:

(1) the methods used in other states and by the federal government to identify low-income students or families; and

(2) whether the number of low-income students used to calculate the compensatory education formula for State aid for the years during which a county board of education, including the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, elects to participate, in whole or in part, in the United States Department of Agriculture community eligibility provision is comparable to the number of low-income students who would have been identified using a method recommended in the adequacy study.”.