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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 965

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike the second “a”; in the same line, strike “year” and substitute “years”; and in line 5, after “program;” insert “requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain local school systems, to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “**YEAR 2017**” and substitute “**YEARS 2017 AND 2018**”; strike beginning with “**UNITED**” in line 22 down through “**AGRICULTURE**” in line 23; in line 27, strike “**PROGRAM**” and substitute “**PROVISION**”; after line 29, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 1, 2015, the State Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(a) the research and analysis in the Adequacy of Funding for Education Study relating to using free and reduced-price meal eligibility as a proxy for representing economically disadvantaged students in the State compensatory education aid formula including:

(Over)

(1) the proxies used in education formulas in other states, particularly states that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision of the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010; and

(2) the identification and analysis of alternative indicators;

(b) the impact of the Community Eligibility Provision on the State compensatory aid program that uses free and reduced-price meal student count as a proxy for representing economically disadvantaged students in the State;

(c) trends in free and reduced-price meal student counts to compare the free and reduced-price meal student count used for school systems participating in the Community Eligibility Provision to the number of students who would be expected to qualify for free and reduced-price meals in the next 5 years based on past trends;

(d) preliminary recommendations on a new proxy or a revised free and reduced-price meal student count that could be used to represent economically disadvantaged students in the State compensatory education aid formula; and

(e) any proposed changes to the calculation under § 5-207(a)(3) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2018, the State Department of Education, in collaboration with any local school system that opts into the United States Department of Agriculture community eligibility provision, shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the impact of this Act on the amount of State aid provided to local school systems.”;

and in line 30, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.