

HOUSE BILL 965

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition for a certain fiscal year to determine the
4 number of students used to calculate a certain grant for schools that participate in a
5 certain federal program; and generally relating to the compensatory education grant
6 for primary and secondary education.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 5–207(a)(3)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 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 5–207.

16 (a) (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
17 “compensatory education enrollment count” means the number of students eligible for free
18 or reduced price meals for the prior fiscal year.

19 (ii) [For fiscal year 2004, “compensatory education enrollment
20 count” means the greater of:

21 1. The number of students eligible for free or reduced price
22 meals for the prior fiscal year; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2. The number of students eligible for free or reduced price
2 meals for the second prior fiscal year] **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, “COMPENSATORY**
3 **EDUCATION ENROLLMENT COUNT” MEANS:**

4 1. **THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR**
5 **REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; OR**

6 2. **FOR COUNTY BOARDS THAT PARTICIPATE, IN WHOLE**
7 **OR IN PART, IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY**
8 **ELIGIBILITY PROVISION, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EQUAL TO THE GREATER OF:**

9 A. **THE SUM OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN**
10 **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED BY DIRECT CERTIFICATION FOR THE PRIOR**
11 **FISCAL YEAR, PLUS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED BY THE INCOME**
12 **INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FAMILY TO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ON AN**
13 **ALTERNATIVE FORM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL**
14 **YEAR, PLUS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE**
15 **MEALS FROM ANY SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY**
16 **PROVISION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; OR**

17 B. **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
18 **PARAGRAPH, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE**
19 **MEALS AT SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY**
20 **PROVISION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR, PLUS THE PRODUCT OF THE PERCENTAGE**
21 **OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS AT PARTICIPATING**
22 **SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR PRIOR TO OPTING INTO THE UNITED STATES**
23 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION MULTIPLIED**
24 **BY THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENROLLMENT.**

25 (III) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CALCULATION UNDER**
26 **SUBPARAGRAPH (II)2B OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE**
27 **COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM DURING THE PILOT YEAR MAY USE THE**
28 **PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**
29 **DURING THE PILOT YEAR.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
31 1, 2015.