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§5–402.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall evaluate the effect of increased State aid for education on student and school performance in each local school system.

(2) The Department may contract with a public or private entity to conduct or assist in conducting the evaluation required by this subsection.

(b) (1) The Department shall submit an initial report on the results of the evaluation required by this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2006.

(2) The Department shall submit an interim report on the results of the evaluation required by this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

(3) The Department shall submit a final report on the results of the evaluation required by this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008.

(c) The reports required by this section shall include:

(1) A detailed description of how local school systems are using State education aid;

(2) A comparison of school systems that show significant improvements in student and school performance to school systems that do not show significant improvements in student and school performance;

(3) An assessment of the extent to which county boards are successful in implementing the comprehensive master plans required by § 5–401 of this subtitle;

(4) An analysis of the amount of funding that local governments provide for education each year;

(5) A list of programs or factors that consistently produce positive results for students, schools, and school systems; and

(6) Any other information that the State Superintendent determines to be relevant to the evaluation of student and school performance in each local school system.

(d) The Governor shall include an appropriation for the Department in the State budget for each fiscal year sufficient to cover the costs associated with implementing

this section.

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