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§7-437. IN EFFECT

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(a) In this section, “Program” means the English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program in the Department.

(b) There is an English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program in the Department.

(c) The Department shall establish the Program in Prince George’s County.

(d) The purpose of the Program is to:

(1) Collaborate with the appropriate employees of a local school system to address the specific needs of English language learner students and the families of those students;

(2) Identify students who:

(i) Are not English proficient;

(ii) Have birth and school records from another country; and

(iii) Have a primary language other than English spoken in the home of the student;

(3) Counsel, in collaboration with school-based counselors, English language learner students regarding academic and social concerns;

(4) Monitor the progress of English language learner students in mastering age-appropriate skills in English proficiency with the goal of passing grade level English proficiency tests;

(5) Provide educational and cultural information on language acquisition to employees of a local system;

(6) Conduct workshops and in-service training on cross-cultural communication and other multicultural topics for employees of a local system;

(7) Coordinate with school-based counselors to provide crisis intervention to international students and English language learner students and the families of those students; and

(8) Provide information as appropriate to English language learner

students and the families of those students on college and career readiness, career and technical training, and career path counseling.

(e) The Department shall report annually to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of the Program.

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