(House Bill 1109)

AN ACT concerning

Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems – County Boards of Education Payments

FOR the purpose of providing that, for a certain fiscal year, county boards of education shall be relieved of a certain portion of a contribution for certain local employees of the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; providing for a certain allocation of payment relief for county boards of education; requiring the Governor to provide a certain amount in a certain fiscal year to be paid into certain accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System if a certain condition is not met; defining a certain term; and generally relating to county board of education payments to the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) In this section, "county board of education" includes the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 21-304(b)(4)(iii) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, for fiscal year 2017, county boards of education shall be relieved of their obligation to pay, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, \$19,695,182 of their total local share equal to the normal contribution rate required under § 21-304(b)(4)(iii) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(2) The amount of money each county board of education shall be relieved of the obligation to pay under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be allocated in proportion to each county board of education's share of the total local share equal to the normal contribution rate required under 21–304(b)(4)(iii) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(c) If the Governor does not release the funds restricted in the fiscal year 2018 budget bill (H.B. 150) under A15000.04 for the fiscal year 2017 deficiency appropriation for Teacher Retirement Administrative Fee Assistance and transfer the funds to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System for the purpose of paying into the appropriate accumulation funds the amount of money county boards of education are relieved of paying under subsection (b) of this section, the Governor shall provide \$19,695,182 in <u>either</u> fiscal year 2018 or 2019 for this purpose.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

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Approved by the Governor, March 31, 2017.