

HOUSE BILL 1476

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Supplemental Prekindergarten Grant – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain grant to be provided in certain fiscal years to county
4 boards of education that make a full–day prekindergarten program available for at
5 least a certain proportion of certain children; altering a certain definition; defining a
6 certain term; and generally relating to the supplemental prekindergarten grant.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 5–218

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 5–218.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Eligible child” means a child:

18 (i) Whose parent or guardian enrolls the child in a public
19 prekindergarten program; and

20 (ii) Who is 4 years old on September 1 of the school year in which the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 parent or legal guardian enrolls the child in a public prekindergarten program.

2 [(3) “Eligible county board” means a county board that makes a full-day
3 public prekindergarten program available for all eligible children.]

4 [(4)] (3) “State share of the per pupil foundation amount” means the
5 quotient of the State share of the foundation program for a county divided by the full-time
6 equivalent enrollment of the county.

7 (4) “**TIER I COUNTY BOARD**” MEANS A COUNTY BOARD THAT MAKES A
8 FULL-DAY PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE
9 CHILDREN.

10 (5) “**TIER II COUNTY BOARD**” MEANS A COUNTY BOARD THAT MAKES
11 A FULL-DAY PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST 50%
12 OF ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.

13 (b) For each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020, the State shall provide a
14 supplemental prekindergarten grant to [an eligible] A **TIER I** county board that equals the
15 **FOLLOWING** percentage of the State share of the per pupil foundation amount multiplied
16 by the number of full-time equivalent eligible children enrolled in a public full-day
17 prekindergarten program on September 30 of the previous school year:

18 (1) For fiscal year 2018, 50%;

19 (2) For fiscal year 2019, 75%; and

20 (3) For fiscal year 2020, 100%.

21 (c) **FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2019 AND 2020, THE STATE SHALL**
22 **PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL PREKINDERGARTEN GRANT TO A TIER II COUNTY**
23 **BOARD THAT EQUALS THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ELIGIBLE**
24 **CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM ON**
25 **SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR MULTIPLIED BY THE PRODUCT OF**
26 **THE STATE SHARE OF THE PER PUPIL FOUNDATION AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE**
27 **PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC FULL-DAY**
28 **PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY.**

29 (D) The State shall distribute the **TIER I AND TIER II** supplemental
30 prekindergarten [grant] **GRANTS** at the same time the State distributes funds to county
31 boards under this subtitle.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
33 1, 2018.