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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - State Grant for Transportation Services**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of calculating the amount of a State grant for  
4 public school transportation; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a  
5 State grant for public school transportation.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 5-203(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 5-203.

15 (b) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT"  
16 MEANS THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT USED TO CALCULATE THE  
17 STATE SHARE OF BASIC CURRENT EXPENSES FOR A FISCAL YEAR UNDER § 5-202 OF  
18 THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (2) Subject to the limitations under paragraph [(2)] (3) of this subsection,  
20 for fiscal year [1994] 1997 and every year thereafter the amount of the grant shall be  
21 equal to the amount of the grant for the previous year increased by the same percentage  
22 as the increase in the private transportation category of the Consumer Price Index for all  
23 urban consumers, for the Baltimore metropolitan area, as of July of the second fiscal year  
24 preceding the year for which the amount is being calculated, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL  
25 AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF:

26 (I) THE TOTAL STATE GRANT FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION  
27 FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR DIVIDED BY THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT  
28 ENROLLMENT FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND

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1                    (II) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT  
2 ENROLLMENT IN A COUNTY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND THE FULL-TIME  
3 EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT IN THE COUNTY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, OR,  
4 IF THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT IN A COUNTY FOR THE CURRENT  
5 FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT IN THE  
6 COUNTY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, ZERO.

7                    [(2)] (3) The increase in the amount of the grant THAT IS BASEDON THE  
8 INCREASE IN THE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY OF THE CONSUMER PRICE  
9 INDEX may not be less than 3 percent nor more than 8 percent of the amount of the grant  
10 for the previous year.

11                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 1996.