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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - School Performance Recognition Awards**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing a public school's progress on meeting orexceeding
4 satisfactory standards established by the State Board of Education under the
5 Maryland School Performance Program; providing for distribution of the awards by
6 the State Superintendent; establishing certain parameters for use ofthe funds;
7 requiring certain annual reports; and generally relating to recognition awards and
8 education.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Education
11 Section 5-203.3
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 5-203.3.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "DATA-BASED AREAS" MEANS THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE
21 STATE BOARD THROUGH THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FOR
22 WHICH INFORMATION IS TO BE TRACKED FOR EACH SCHOOL, EACH SCHOOL
23 SYSTEM, AND THE STATE.

24 (3) "MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM" MEANS A
25 PERFORMANCE BASED EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON
26 ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

27 (4) "RECIPIENT SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A
28 RECOGNITION AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION TO REWARD A SCHOOL'S PROGRESS
2 ON MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR
3 THE DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

4 (C) (1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE
5 BUDGET, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE
6 RECOGNITION AWARDS TO:

7 (I) EACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL THAT MEETS
8 OR EXCEEDS SATISFACTORY STANDARDS FOR ALL DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE
9 MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM; AND

10 (II) ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS THAT SHOW
11 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TOWARDS MEETING STANDARDS OF THE MARYLAND
12 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

13 (2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR
14 DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

15 (3) SCHOOLS RECEIVING CHALLENGE GRANT FUNDS AND SCHOOLS IN
16 ANY PHASE OF RECONSTITUTION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RECOGNITION AWARDS.

17 (D) (1) THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM OF A RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL
18 DETERMINE HOW THE AWARD SHALL BE USED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
19 CONDITIONS:

20 (I) RECOGNITION FUNDS ARE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT
21 SUPPLANT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS REGULARLY APPROPRIATED FOR
22 USE BY THE SCHOOL;

23 (II) RECOGNITION FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR STAFF BONUSES
24 OR DIFFERENTIAL PAY INCREASES; AND

25 (III) RECOGNITION FUNDS SHALL BE EXPENDED IN ACCORDANCE
26 WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WHERE THE RECIPIENT
27 SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

28 (2) THE PRINCIPAL OF A RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL FILE WITH THE
29 LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT A REPORT INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF THE
30 AWARD AND THE USES FOR WHICH IT WAS EXPENDED.

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