
By: The Speaker (Administration)

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - School Performance Recognition Awards**

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

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 5-203.3

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Education**

18 5-203.3.

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

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

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

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

6 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION TO REWARD A ~~SCHOOL'S PROGRESS~~
7 ~~ON MEETING OR EXCEEDING~~ SCHOOL THAT SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT
8 TOWARDS MEETING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR THE
9 DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

10 (C) (1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE
11 BUDGET, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE
12 RECOGNITION AWARDS TO:

13 ~~(1) EACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL THAT MEETS~~
14 ~~OR EXCEEDS SATISFACTORY STANDARDS FOR ALL DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE~~
15 ~~MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM; AND~~

16 ~~(2)~~ ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS THAT SHOW
17 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TOWARDS MEETING STANDARDS OF THE MARYLAND
18 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

19 (2) THE STATE ~~SUPERINTENDENT BOARD~~ SHALL ESTABLISH
20 GUIDELINES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AND DISTRIBUTION OF
21 AWARDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)~~(2)~~ OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

24 (D) (1) THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM OF A RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL
25 DETERMINE HOW THE AWARD SHALL BE USED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
26 CONDITIONS:

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

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

32 (III) RECOGNITION FUNDS SHALL BE EXPENDED IN ACCORDANCE
33 WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WHERE THE RECIPIENT
34 SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

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

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

