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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

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1 WHICH INFORMATION IS TO BE TRACKED FOR EACH SCHOOL, EACH SCHOOL
2 SYSTEM, AND THE STATE.

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

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

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

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

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

18 ~~(II)~~ ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS THAT SHOW
19 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TOWARDS MEETING STANDARDS OF THE MARYLAND
20 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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