
By: Prince George's County Senators

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statewide Aid for Students from Poverty Families**

3 FOR the purpose of providing additional State funds to the county boards of education;
4 providing for the calculation of the additional funds; making the additional funds
5 contingent on the provision of certain additional funds to Baltimore City; providing
6 for the scope of this Act; and generally relating to State aid to the county boards of
7 education.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Education
10 Section 5-212
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 5-212.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "STUDENT LIVING IN POVERTY" MEANS A STUDENT
18 WHO QUALIFIES FOR A FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH IN THE SECOND
19 PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

20 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.

21 (C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE
22 ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT THAT EQUALS:

23 (1) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE COUNTY'S
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; MULTIPLIED BY

25 (2) THE QUOTIENT OF \$30 MILLION DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF
26 STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

27 (D) FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999 THROUGH 2002, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL
28 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT THAT EQUALS:

1 (1) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE COUNTY'S
2 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; MULTIPLIED BY

3 (2) THE QUOTIENT OF \$50 MILLION DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF
4 STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

5 (E) (1) THE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
6 SEPARATE FROM ESTABLISHED STATE FUNDING UNDER § 5-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE
7 AND OTHER CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC
8 SCHOOLS.

9 (2) THE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION
10 MAY NOT BE PROVIDED BY REDUCING ANY OTHER STATE FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE
11 COUNTIES.

12 (3) THE COUNTIES MAY NOT USE ANY OF THIS ADDITIONAL STATE
13 FUNDING TO MEET ANY STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN LEVELS OF LOCAL
14 FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take
16 effect until the passage of the Fiscal Year 1998 State Budget Bill by the General
17 Assembly, which includes an appropriation of \$30 million in additional State funds for the
18 Baltimore City public schools in accordance with the consent decrees entered in the cases
19 "Bradford, et al v. Maryland State Board of Education, et al", case no.
20 94340058/CE189672, "Board of School Commissioners, et al v. Maryland State Board of
21 Education, et al", case no. 9528055/CL2002151, Baltimore City Circuit Court, and
22 "Vaughn G., et al v. Mayor and City Council, et al", case no. MJG-84-1911, United
23 States District Court for the District of Maryland.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the funding requirements
25 of this Act for each fiscal year from Fiscal Year 1999 through Fiscal Year 2002 are
26 contingent, in each fiscal year, on the passage in that year of a budget bill that includes an
27 appropriation of \$50 million in additional State funds for the Baltimore City public
28 schools in accordance with the consent decrees entered in the cases listed in Section 2 of
29 this Act.

30 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
31 of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.