

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "Program;" insert "providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for a Prince George's County teacher mentoring program;"; and in line 15, after "initiatives;" insert "requiring a certain audit of the Prince George's County public schools; establishing a certain management oversight panel; providing that certain existing funding for Prince George's County schools may be directed to support certain programs; establishing a certain Coordination Office;".

On page 2, in line 4, after "Program;" insert "stating the intent of the General Assembly concerning certain funding for the operating expenses of the Coordination Office;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with "shall" in line 39 on page 3 through "Department" in line 2 on page 4 and substitute "SHALL:

(I) HAVE PROGRAMS FOR PROVIDING INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES, ANNUALLY EVALUATE NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS IN LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING, AND WRITING ENGLISH TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 3, after "programs" insert "AND GRANT ELIGIBILITY"; in line 22,

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strike “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION,”; strike in their entirety lines 35 through 37, inclusive; and in line 38, strike “(5)” and substitute “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 3, strike “MAY” and substitute “SHALL”; after line 18, insert:

“(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR’S OPERATING BUDGET \$2 MILLION TO FUND A TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY WHICH SHALL BE MODELED AFTER THE BALTIMORE COUNTY TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM.”;

and in line 19, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, in line 29, after “STATEWIDE” insert “EXCEPT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, strike beginning with “PARAGRAPH” in line 2 down through “OF” in line 3; and after line 3, insert:

“(3) (1) THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUALLY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PROVIDED IN:

1. PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMS; AND

2. CHAPTER 105 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1997 FOR THE MAGNET SCHOOLS PROGRAM, WHICH, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MAY BE DIRECTED TO SUPPORT MAGNET AND OTHER EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMS.

(II) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

1. FUNDS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH-PROVEN STRATEGIES THAT ENHANCE INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE; AND

2. STRONG MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMPONENTS.

(III) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REVIEW THE PLAN AND APPROVE IT BEFORE RELEASING THE FUNDS EACH YEAR.

(4) THERE SHALL BE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM.

(5) THE FISCAL 1998 FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL BE PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

(6) (I) THERE SHALL BE A MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL WHICH SHALL ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE SCOPE OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT, MEET PERIODICALLY WITH THE AUDITORS TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OF THE FINANCIAL AUDIT, REVIEW THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOTH AUDITS, AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUDITS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

(II) THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS JOINTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM A LIST OF NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(III) THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL BE COMPRISED OF:

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1. FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERTISE IN MANAGEMENT OR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;

2. THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERTISE IN THE EDUCATION FIELD; AND

3. TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM HAS A CHILD IN SPECIAL EDUCATION.

(IV) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

(V) THE GOVERNOR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JOINTLY SHALL DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL.

(VI) THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE SCOPE OF A PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND SHALL MEET PERIODICALLY WITH THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE AUDIT.

(VII) AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND THE FINANCIAL AUDIT, THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL REVIEW THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITS AND REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. ON THE AUDITS' FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS;

AND

2. ANNUALLY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUDITS'

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(7) THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT UP TO \$200,000, WITH RELEASE OF THE FUNDS CONTINGENT ON APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL.

(8) (I) THERE SHALL BE A COORDINATION OFFICE WITH STAFF APPOINTED BY THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL.

(II) THE COORDINATION OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL AND SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE STATE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AND THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL FOR THE DURATION OF THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

(III) THE STATE SHALL FUND THE TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF THE COORDINATION OFFICE."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, in line 4, after "(1)" insert "IN THIS SUBSECTION, "NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS" MEANS ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN EXCESS OF THE FISCAL 1998 FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

(2)";

in line 6, after "FOR" insert "THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING ELEMENTARY"; strike beginning with "BASED" in line 7 down through "STATEWIDE" in line 8; in line 9, strike "(2)" and substitute "(3)"; strike beginning with "PROVIDE" in line 10 down through "PROGRAMS" in line 11 and substitute "MATCH THE STATE GRANT DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR WITH NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS"; and in line 12, strike "(3)" and substitute:

"(4) TO THE EXTENT THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT

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PROVIDE NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS TO MEET THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE GRANT SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 9, after line 10, insert:

“(6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO COUNTY BOARDS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>(I) ALLEGANY</u>	<u>\$40,266</u>
<u>(II) ANNE ARUNDEL</u>	<u>268,456</u>
<u>(III) BALTIMORE CITY</u>	<u>380,390</u>
<u>(IV) BALTIMORE</u>	<u>376,316</u>
<u>(V) CALVERT</u>	<u>53,740</u>
<u>(VI) CAROLINE</u>	<u>20,218</u>
<u>(VII) CARROLL</u>	<u>98,518</u>
<u>(VIII) CECIL</u>	<u>55,039</u>
<u>(IX) CHARLES</u>	<u>78,281</u>
<u>(X) DORCHESTER</u>	<u>18,382</u>
<u>(XI) FREDERICK</u>	<u>125,881</u>

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<u>(XII) GARRETT .....</u>	<u>19,170</u>
<u>(XIII) HARFORD .....</u>	<u>139,416</u>
<u>(XIV) HOWARD .....</u>	<u>147,977</u>
<u>(XV) KENT .....</u>	<u>10,197</u>
<u>(XVI) MONTGOMERY .....</u>	<u>453,584</u>
<u>(XVII) PRINCE GEORGE'S .....</u>	<u>463,151</u>
<u>(XVIII) QUEEN ANNE'S .....</u>	<u>23,544</u>
<u>(XIX) ST. MARY'S .....</u>	<u>52,289</u>
<u>(XX) SOMERSET .....</u>	<u>11,060</u>
<u>(XXI) TALBOT .....</u>	<u>16,384</u>
<u>(XXII) WASHINGTON .....</u>	<u>72,645</u>
<u>(XXIII) WICOMICO .....</u>	<u>50,492</u>
<u>(XXIV) WORCESTER .....</u>	<u>24,604”.</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 9, in lines 13 and 14, in each instance, strike the comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 11, in line 15, after “That” insert “it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide a maximum of \$210,000 annually in Fiscal Years 1999 through 2002 for the operating expenses of the Coordination Office established by this Act.”

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SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That'.