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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Accountability Funding for Excellence**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a School Accountability Funding for Excellence
4 Program for public school systems of the State; revising the funding and certain
5 requirements for programs for non- and limited-English proficient students;
6 providing certain funds to certain public school systems pursuant to certain
7 formulas; providing certain funds and establishing certain requirements for
8 professional development programs in certain schools; providing certain
9 funding, subject to certain conditions, for the Baltimore County Teacher
10 Mentoring Program; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for
11 the Early Elementary Education Program; providing certain funding, subject to
12 certain conditions, for certain prekindergarten early intervention; providing
13 certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for certain programs in Prince
14 George's County and certain statewide teacher certification and development
15 initiatives; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for school
16 library programs; mandating certain accountability provisions for receipt of
17 certain funds; prohibiting the use of certain State funds provided under this Act
18 to supplant certain funds under certain circumstances; providing certain
19 funding for the Aging School Program; providing for the termination of this Act;
20 and generally relating to State aid for public education.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article - Education
23 Section 5-206
24 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

2 Preamble

3 WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly recognizes that a large portion of
4 the nearly 1,000,000 students who attend public schools across the State are at risk of
5 not performing at high academic levels; and

6 WHEREAS, The 1993 Governor's Commission on School Funding found that the
7 single best predictor of school performance is the percentage of students approved for
8 free or reduced price meals; and

9 WHEREAS, In the last 5 years the number of students receiving free and
10 reduced price meals has increased by over 35 percent while student enrollment has
11 increased by only 12 percent; and

12 WHEREAS, Other factors contributing to the lower academic achievements of
13 at-risk students include possessing limited English proficiency skills, attending
14 schools that have a large portion of inexperienced teachers, and being from highly
15 mobile families that move several times during a school year; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of limited-English proficient students has increased
17 during this same period by over 31 percent; and

18 WHEREAS, The 1997 Task Force on Education Funding Equity, Accountability,
19 and Partnerships examined the educational needs of all public school students in
20 Maryland, particularly the needs of at-risk students, and determined that additional
21 State funding is necessary to fill gaps in programs serving at-risk students; now,
22 therefore,

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

25 **Article - Education**

26 5-206.

27 (a) THIS SECTION MAY BE CITED AS THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDING
28 FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.

29 (B) (1) [(i)] In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

30 (2) "FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT" HAS THE MEANING
31 PROVIDED IN § 5-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

32 [(ii)] (3) "Non- and limited-English proficient student" means a
33 student identified as non- or limited-English proficient under the Maryland State
34 Department of Education's Maryland School Performance Program reporting
35 requirements. This definition should be consistent with federal guidelines for the
36 identification of students with limited English proficiency, as defined by the following

1 criteria: the student was born outside of the United States or whose native language
2 is not English; the student comes from an environment where a language other than
3 English is dominant; or the student is an American Indian or Alaskan native and
4 comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a
5 significant impact on his/her level of English language proficiency.

6 [(iii)] (4) "Non- and limited-English proficient student count"
7 means the number of non- and limited-English proficient students as of May 15 of a
8 school year.

9 (5) "WEALTH" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 5-202 OF THIS
10 SUBTITLE.

11 [(2) Except as provided under regulations adopted by the State Board of
12 Education, a student may not be included in the non- and limited-English
13 proficiency student count for more than 2 school years.]

14 [(b)] (C) (1) Beginning in Fiscal Year 1995, the Department shall distribute
15 annually to each county board a grant for the purpose of providing instruction and
16 services to non- and limited-English proficient students.

17 (2) (i) In Fiscal Year 1995, the amount of the grant shall be distributed
18 on the basis of the non- and limited-English proficient student count for the school
19 year prior to the fiscal year for which the appropriation is provided.

20 (ii) For Fiscal Year 1996 [and every year thereafter] THROUGH
21 FISCAL YEAR 1998, the Governor shall include in the State budget funding for the
22 grant, in an amount at least equal to \$500 times the non- and limited-English
23 proficient student count for the second preceding school year prior to the fiscal year
24 for which the appropriation is provided.

25 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
26 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE GRANT
27 IN AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO \$1,350 TIMES THE NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH
28 PROFICIENT STUDENT COUNT FOR THE SECOND PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR
29 TO THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION IS PROVIDED.

30 (3) To be eligible to receive the grants provided under paragraph (2) of
31 this subsection, a county board shall have programs for providing instruction and
32 services to non- and limited-English proficient students that are approved by the
33 Department.

34 [(c) (1)] (4) The Department shall establish guidelines for programs for
35 non- and limited-English proficient students.

36 [(2)] (5) A county board shall expend the State funds received under this
37 [section] SUBSECTION for programs for non- and limited-English proficient
38 students and shall report annually to the Department on the actual expenditures of
39 the State funds received under this section.

1 (D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE, IN THE
2 MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, AN AMOUNT
3 FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT",
4 WHICH SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

5 (2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT
6 FUNDING LEVEL SHALL BE THE PRODUCT OF 2.5 PERCENT OF THE PER PUPIL BASIC
7 CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, ROUNDED TO THE
8 NEAREST DOLLAR, AND 85 PERCENT OF THE STATEWIDE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE
9 MEAL ELIGIBLE COUNT FOR THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

10 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
11 AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO A COUNTY IN A FISCAL YEAR
12 SHALL BE:

13 (I) 1. THE PRODUCT OF 85 PERCENT OF THE FREE AND REDUCED
14 PRICE MEAL ELIGIBLE COUNT FOR THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FOR EACH
15 COUNTY AND 2.5 PERCENT OF THE PER PUPIL BASIC CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE FOR
16 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR; DIVIDED BY

17 2. THE RATIO, ROUNDED TO SEVEN DECIMAL PLACES, OF
18 COUNTY WEALTH PER COUNTY FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT TO
19 STATEWIDE WEALTH PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT; MULTIPLIED BY

20 (II) A FACTOR, ROUNDED TO SEVEN DECIMAL PLACES,
21 CALCULATED BY DIVIDING THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDING LEVEL
22 BY THE SUM OF QUOTIENTS DETERMINED IN ITEM (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

23 (4) THE NEW BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY
24 SHALL RECEIVE 50 PERCENT OF ITS FORMULA ALLOCATION AS DETERMINED IN
25 PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

26 (5) (I) THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE USED
27 TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO SCHOOLS OR SPECIFIC STRUCTURED
28 AFTER-SCHOOL OR SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN WHICH 25 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE
29 STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS.

30 (II) A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THESE
31 PRIORITY AREAS BASED ON ITS LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE
32 PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE.

33 (E) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH
34 SCHOOL WITH A FREE OR REDUCED PRICE STUDENT MEAL COUNT OF 25 PERCENT
35 OR MORE OF ITS STUDENT POPULATION SHALL RECEIVE AN \$8,000 GRANT TO
36 ENHANCE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT IN DEALING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS.

37 (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE
38 IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
39 IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 FOR THE BALTIMORE COUNTY TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM.
40 IN ADDITION TO THAT AMOUNT, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY TEACHER MENTORING

1 PROGRAM SHALL RECEIVE \$5,000,000 ANNUALLY TO ENHANCE ITS TEACHER
 2 MENTORING PROGRAM AS A PILOT TO DETERMINE BEST PRACTICES FOR
 3 MENTORING TEACHERS WORKING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS AND ADDRESSING
 4 TEACHER RETENTION IN SCHOOLS WITH HIGH AT-RISK STUDENT POPULATIONS.

5 (3) TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET OR
 6 ARE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH PUBLIC
 7 SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL EXPAND EXISTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 8 PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATORS AND PRINCIPALS AND DEVELOP
 9 NEW PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THESE INDIVIDUALS IN DEALING WITH AT-RISK
 10 STUDENTS.

11 (F)(1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN
 12 EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN
 13 FISCAL YEAR 1998 FOR THE EXTENDED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM. IN
 14 ADDITION TO THAT AMOUNT, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE
 15 PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO COUNTY BOARDS AS FOLLOWS:

16	(I)	ALLEGANY COUNTY	\$ 57,541
17	(II)	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	200,241
18	(III)	BALTIMORE CITY	694,491
19	(IV)	BALTIMORE COUNTY	100,759
20	(V)	CALVERT COUNTY	143,029
21	(VI)	CAROLINE COUNTY	51,770
22	(VII)	CARROLL COUNTY	14,270
23	(VIII)	CECIL COUNTY.....	162,011
24	(IX)	CHARLES COUNTY	144,439
25	(X)	DORCHESTER COUNTY.....	70,036
26	(XI)	FREDERICK COUNTY	180,082
27	(XII)	GARRETT COUNTY	36,312
28	(XIII)	HARFORD COUNTY	174,311
29	(XIV)	HOWARD COUNTY	72,500
30	(XV)	KENT COUNTY	55,541
31	(XVI)	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	313,759
32	(XVII)	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	336,226

1 (XVIII) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 59,426

2 (XIX) ST. MARY'S COUNTY 261,134

3 (XX) SOMERSET COUNTY..... 39,729

4 (XXI) TALBOT COUNTY..... 20,541

5 (XXII) WASHINGTON COUNTY 103,416

6 (XXIII) WICOMICO COUNTY 22,541

7 (XXIV) WORCESTER COUNTY..... 51,656

8 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
 9 SUBSECTION, A TOTAL OF \$1,000,000 SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL
 10 SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS EARLY INTERVENTION OF TARGETED 4-YEAR-OLD
 11 POPULATIONS WHOSE NEEDS ARE NOT FULLY MET BY THE EXISTING EXTENDED
 12 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL
 13 RELEASE THESE FUNDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS BASED ON THE SUBMISSION
 14 AND APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
 15 SECTION. FUNDS SHALL BE PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

16 (I) ALLEGANY..... 18,315

17 (II) ANNE ARUNDEL..... 67,765

18 (III) BALTIMORE CITY 219,779

19 (IV) BALTIMORE 62,270

20 (V) CALVERT..... 23,810

21 (VI) CAROLINE 16,484

22 (VII) CARROLL..... 9,158

23 (VIII) CECIL 42,125

24 (IX) CHARLES 54,945

25 (X) DORCHESTER 21,978

26 (XI) FREDERICK 42,125

27 (XII) GARRETT..... 16,484

28 (XIII) HARFORD 40,293

29 (XIV) HOWARD 12,821

30 (XV) KENT 14,652

1 (XVI) MONTGOMERY..... 65,933
2 (XVII) PRINCE GEORGE'S..... 91,575
3 (XVIII) QUEEN ANNE'S 18,315
4 (XIX) ST. MARY'S..... 45,788
5 (XX) SOMERSET 14,652
6 (XXI) TALBOT 14,652
7 (XXII) WASHINGTON..... 31,136
8 (XXIII) WICOMICO 40,293
9 (XXIV) WORCESTER 14,652

10 (G) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
11 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE
12 FOLLOWING GRANTS:

13 (I) EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
14 - \$2,000,000;

15 (II) PILOT INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT IN
16 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - \$1,000,000;

17 (III) PROVISIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER
18 DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - \$2,500,000; AND

19 (IV) PROVISIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER
20 DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES STATEWIDE - \$500,000.

21 (2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND
22 CRITERIA THAT WILL BE USED TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1)
23 (III) AND (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 (H) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
25 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET A TOTAL OF
26 \$3,000,000 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS
27 BASED ON EACH COUNTY'S PERCENT OF TOTAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
28 ENROLLMENT STATEWIDE FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

29 (2) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, EACH
30 COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE EQUAL MATCHING FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SCHOOL
31 LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

32 (3) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND
33 CRITERIA FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. IN

1 DEVELOPING GUIDELINES, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO UPDATING LIBRARY BOOK
2 AND OTHER RESOURCE COLLECTIONS.

3 (4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION, SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO COUNTY BOARDS
5 AS FOLLOWS:

6	(I)	ALLEGANY.....	40,266
7	(II)	ANNE ARUNDEL.....	268,456
8	(III)	BALTIMORE CITY	380,390
9	(IV)	BALTIMORE.....	376,316
10	(V)	CALVERT.....	53,740
11	(VI)	CAROLINE.....	20,218
12	(VII)	CARROLL.....	98,518
13	(VIII)	CECIL.....	55,039
14	(IX)	CHARLES.....	78,281
15	(X)	DORCHESTER	18,382
16	(XI)	FREDERICK.....	125,881
17	(XII)	GARRETT.....	19,170
18	(XIII)	HARFORD.....	139,416
19	(XIV)	HOWARD.....	147,977
20	(XV)	KENT.....	10,197
21	(XVI)	MONTGOMERY.....	453,584
22	(XVII)	PRINCE GEORGE'S.....	463,151
23	(XVIII)	QUEEN ANNE'S.....	23,544
24	(XIX)	ST. MARY'S.....	52,289
25	(XX)	SOMERSET	11,060
26	(XXI)	TALBOT.....	16,384
27	(XXII)	WASHINGTON.....	72,645
28	(XXIII)	WICOMICO.....	50,492

(XXIV) WORCESTER 24,604

(I) (1) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE FUNDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (H) OF THIS SECTION, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE PERFORMANCE OF AT-RISK STUDENTS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA FOR MEASURING STUDENT SUCCESS.

(2) EACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL INTEGRATE FUNDING FROM STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL PROGRAMS TARGETING STUDENTS AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE IN ORDER TO DELIVER A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED PROGRAM.

(3) EACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURES THAT WILL BE USED AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH DATA WILL BE COLLECTED AND EVALUATED TO MEASURE CHANGE IN STUDENT LEARNING AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.

(4) EACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD.

(5) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS THAT INCLUDE SPECIFIC DATA ABOUT THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CHANGES IN STUDENT LEARNING FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. THE INFORMATION GATHERED THROUGH THE SEMIANNUAL REPORTING SHALL BE USED TO MODIFY AND ENHANCE STRATEGIES THAT ARE HAVING A MEASURABLE IMPACT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS.

(J) (1) FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (H) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING EDUCATION FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE.

(2) TO THE EXTENT THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM ACHIEVES THE INTENDED FUNDING LEVEL IN A PARTICULAR TARGETED PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS, THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY DIVERT FUNDS TO OTHER TARGETED PROGRAMS IF THE PROGRAMS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(K) BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 STATE BUDGET, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 FOR THE AGING SCHOOL PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. IN ADDITION TO THAT AMOUNT, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO COUNTY BOARDS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ALLEGANY COUNTY \$ 205,000

1	(2)	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.....	330,000
2	(3)	BALTIMORE CITY.....	1,515,000
3	(4)	BALTIMORE COUNTY.....	1,190,000
4	(5)	CALVERT COUNTY.....	40,000
5	(6)	CAROLINE COUNTY.....	50,000
6	(7)	CARROLL COUNTY.....	205,000
7	(8)	CECIL COUNTY.....	205,000
8	(9)	CHARLES COUNTY.....	40,000
9	(10)	DORCHESTER COUNTY.....	40,000
10	(11)	FREDERICK COUNTY.....	50,000
11	(12)	GARRETT COUNTY.....	50,000
12	(13)	HARFORD COUNTY.....	220,000
13	(14)	HOWARD COUNTY.....	40,000
14	(15)	KENT COUNTY.....	40,000
15	(16)	MONTGOMERY COUNTY.....	660,000
16	(17)	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.....	550,000
17	(18)	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.....	50,000
18	(19)	ST. MARY'S COUNTY.....	50,000
19	(20)	SOMERSET COUNTY.....	40,000
20	(21)	TALBOT COUNTY.....	95,000
21	(22)	WASHINGTON COUNTY.....	110,000
22	(23)	WICOMICO COUNTY.....	205,000
23	(24)	WORCESTER COUNTY.....	40,000

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June
26 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.