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By: **Delegates Hixson and Heller**

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

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Education
10 Section 5-212
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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 WHO
18 QUALIFIES FOR A FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH IN THE SECOND PRECEDING
19 SCHOOL YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

21 (C) FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999 THROUGH 2002, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL
22 RECEIVE 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 \$50 MILLION DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF
26 STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

1 (D) (1) THE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
2 SEPARATE FROM ESTABLISHED STATE FUNDING UNDER § 5-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE
3 AND OTHER CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC
4 SCHOOLS.

5 (2) THE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION
6 MAY NOT BE PROVIDED BY REDUCING ANY OTHER STATE FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE
7 COUNTIES.

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the funding requirements
12 of this Act for each fiscal year from Fiscal Year 1999 through Fiscal Year 2002 are
13 contingent, in each fiscal year, on the passage in that year of a budget bill that
14 includes an appropriation of \$50 million in additional State funds for the Baltimore
15 City public schools in accordance with Chapter 105 of the Acts of the General
16 Assembly of 1997.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 1998.