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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Collins, Hogan, Fry, Neall, Van Hollen, Hollinger, Astle, Green, Pinsky, Jimeno, Derr, Bromwell, Currie, McFadden, Ruben, Dorman, Dyson, Teitelbaum, Blount, Frosh, Munson, Della, Kelley, Middlebrooks, Sfikas, Forehand, Stone, Roesser, Kasemeyer, Boozer, Lawlah, and Hafer**

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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
25 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **Article - Education**

25 5-206.

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

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

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

31 [(ii)] (3) "Non- and limited-English proficient student" means a
32 student identified as non- or limited-English proficient under the Maryland State
33 Department of Education's Maryland School Performance Program reporting
34 requirements. This definition should be consistent with federal guidelines for the
35 identification of students with limited English proficiency, as defined by the following
36 criteria: the student was born outside of the United States or whose native language
37 is not English; the student comes from an environment where a language other than

1 English is dominant; or the student is an American Indian or Alaskan native and
2 comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a
3 significant impact on his/her level of English language proficiency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 [(2)] (5) A county board shall expend the State funds received under this
35 [section] SUBSECTION for programs for non- and limited-English proficient
36 students and shall report annually to the Department on the actual expenditures of
37 the State funds received under this section.

38 (D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE, IN THE
39 MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, AN AMOUNT

1 FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT",
2 WHICH SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE
36 IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
37 IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 FOR THE BALTIMORE COUNTY TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM.
38 IN ADDITION TO THAT AMOUNT, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY TEACHER MENTORING
39 PROGRAM SHALL RECEIVE \$5,000,000 ANNUALLY TO ENHANCE ITS TEACHER
40 MENTORING PROGRAM AS A PILOT TO DETERMINE BEST PRACTICES FOR

1 MENTORING TEACHERS WORKING WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS AND ADDRESSING
2 TEACHER RETENTION IN SCHOOLS WITH HIGH AT-RISK STUDENT POPULATIONS.

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

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

14	(I)	ALLEGANY COUNTY	\$ 57,541
15	(II)	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	200,241
16	(III)	BALTIMORE CITY	694,491
17	(IV)	BALTIMORE COUNTY	100,759
18	(V)	CALVERT COUNTY	143,029
19	(VI)	CAROLINE COUNTY	51,770
20	(VII)	CARROLL COUNTY	14,270
21	(VIII)	CECIL COUNTY.....	162,011
22	(IX)	CHARLES COUNTY	144,439
23	(X)	DORCHESTER COUNTY.....	70,036
24	(XI)	FREDERICK COUNTY	180,082
25	(XII)	GARRETT COUNTY	36,312
26	(XIII)	HARFORD COUNTY	174,311
27	(XIV)	HOWARD COUNTY	72,500
28	(XV)	KENT COUNTY	55,541
29	(XVI)	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	313,759
30	(XVII)	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	336,226
31	(XVIII)	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	59,426

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

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

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

4 (XXII) WASHINGTON COUNTY 103,416

5 (XXIII) WICOMICO COUNTY 22,541

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

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

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

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

17 (III) BALTIMORE CITY 219,779

18 (IV) BALTIMORE 62,270

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

20 (VI) CAROLINE 16,484

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

22 (VIII) CECIL 42,125

23 (IX) CHARLES 54,945

24 (X) DORCHESTER 21,978

25 (XI) FREDERICK 42,125

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

27 (XIII) HARFORD 40,293

28 (XIV) HOWARD 12,821

29 (XV) KENT 14,652

30 (XVI) MONTGOMERY..... 65,933

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (3) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND
32 CRITERIA FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. IN
33 DEVELOPING GUIDELINES, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO UPDATING LIBRARY BOOK
34 AND OTHER RESOURCE COLLECTIONS.

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

4	(I)	ALLEGANY.....	40,266
5	(II)	ANNE ARUNDEL.....	268,456
6	(III)	BALTIMORE CITY	380,390
7	(IV)	BALTIMORE	376,316
8	(V)	CALVERT.....	53,740
9	(VI)	CAROLINE	20,218
10	(VII)	CARROLL.....	98,518
11	(VIII)	CECIL	55,039
12	(IX)	CHARLES	78,281
13	(X)	DORCHESTER	18,382
14	(XI)	FREDERICK	125,881
15	(XII)	GARRETT.....	19,170
16	(XIII)	HARFORD	139,416
17	(XIV)	HOWARD	147,977
18	(XV)	KENT	10,197
19	(XVI)	MONTGOMERY.....	453,584
20	(XVII)	PRINCE GEORGE'S.....	463,151
21	(XVIII)	QUEEN ANNE'S.....	23,544
22	(XIX)	ST. MARY'S.....	52,289
23	(XX)	SOMERSET	11,060
24	(XXI)	TALBOT	16,384
25	(XXII)	WASHINGTON.....	72,645
26	(XXIII)	WICOMICO	50,492
27	(XXIV)	WORCESTER	24,604

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (1) ALLEGANY COUNTY \$ 205,000

40 (2) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY..... 330,000

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

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