

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 137

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “grants;” insert “prohibiting a certain grant to a local education agency under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 8, inclusive; in line 9, strike “(5)” and substitute “(4)”; strike beginning with the second “AND” in line 15 down through “GRADE” in line 16; after line 19, insert “AND”; strike beginning with “A” in line 20 down through “(III)” in line 21; and in line 25, strike the second “5” and substitute “1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 30, strike “450” and substitute “750”; in line 33, strike “300” and substitute “375”; in line 34, strike “AND”; in line 35, strike “AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR”; and in line 36, strike “150” and substitute “250”.

On page 3, in line 2, strike the period and substitute a semicolon; and after line 2, insert:

“(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004, BY DIVIDING THE READING FACTOR FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY BY 185 AND MULTIPLYING THE RESULT BY THE FTE TEACHER AMOUNT FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY; AND

(V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, BY DIVIDING THE READING FACTOR FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY BY 150 AND MULTIPLYING THE RESULT BY THE FTE TEACHER AMOUNT FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

(Over)

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 13, inclusive; in line 14, strike “(5)” and substitute “(4)”; strike in their entirety lines 32 through 34, inclusive; and in line 35, strike “(III)” and substitute “(II)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in lines 1, 4, and 7, strike “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”, respectively, and substitute “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; and in line 8, strike “(V)” and substitute “(IV)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, after line 20, insert:

“(G) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAY ANNUALLY WAIVE THE GRANT REDUCTION PENALTY IN SUBSECTION (D) (2) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY HAS DEMONSTRATED IN WRITING THAT IT HAS MADE:

(1) SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS TOWARDS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PROVISIONALLY CERTIFIED TEACHERS;

(2) SIGNIFICANT ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT AND HIRE CERTIFIED TEACHERS;

(3) SIGNIFICANT ATTEMPTS TO ASSIST NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN BECOMING CERTIFIED IN THE STATE; AND

(4) SIGNIFICANT ATTEMPTS TO REHIRE RETIRED CERTIFIED TEACHERS.”;

and in line 21, strike “(G)” and substitute “(H)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, after line 23, insert:

“(I) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY MAY NOT RECEIVE A MARYLAND LEARNING SUCCESS PROGRAM GRANT UNLESS THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY EXPENDS ITS FEDERAL CLASS SIZE REDUCTION INITIATIVE GRANTS PROVIDED IN PUBLIC LAW 105-277 TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES FOR READING INSTRUCTION IN THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

(2) IF A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY HAS A RATIO OF NO GREATER THAN 20 STUDENTS PER ONE TEACHER FOR READING INSTRUCTION IN THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADES, PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, in line 24, strike “(H)” and substitute “(J)”.

On page 6, in lines 1, 4, and 7, strike “(I)”, “(J)”, and “(K)”, respectively, and substitute “(K)”, “(L)”, and “(M)”, respectively; after line 9, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Special Study Committee on Class Size Reduction Programs established pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 15 of 1998 shall include in its report to the Governor and the General Assembly the benefits and necessity of reducing class sizes for mathematics in public schools.”;

and in line 10, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.