

HOUSE BILL 10

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ENROLLED BILL

-- *Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation and Economic and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Delegates Kopp, Taylor, Hixson, Rawlings, Arnick, Busch, Dewberry, Doory, Guns, Harrison, Howard, Hurson, Menes, Montague, Owings, Rosenberg, Vallario, and Wood Wood, W. Baker, Benson, Bartlett, Bozman, Brown, Cadden, Carlson, C. Davis, Conroy, Cryor, Donoghue, Finifter, Franchot, Frush, Fulton, Giannetti, Healey, Hecht, Heller, Hubers, James, A. Jones, V. Jones, Kirk, Klausmeier, Krysiak, Love, Marriott, McKee, Moe, Patterson, Petzold, Pitkin, Rzepkowski, Rosso, Rudolph, Shriver, Slade, Sophocleus, and Turner**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and
4 Excellence; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to ensure the
5 adequacy of funding and equity in funding for students in public schools
6 statewide, to ensure excellence in school systems and student performance, to
7 provide for a transition as current educational funding initiatives abrogate, ~~and~~
8 to analyze whether the current funding procedures should be retained or certain
9 new procedures adopted, and to ensure that local property tax policies do not
10 affect the equitable allocation of education funding for students in public schools

1 statewide; providing for the appointment of members of the Commission;
 2 providing for the staffing for the Commission; requiring an interim and a final
 3 report by certain dates; and generally relating to the Commission on Education
 4 Finance, Equity, and Excellence.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 6 MARYLAND, That:

7 (a) There is a Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence.

8 (b) The Commission shall review the current education financing formulas
 9 and accountability measures and make recommendations for:

10 (1) ensuring the adequacy of funding for students in public schools
 11 statewide, including early childhood education programs;

12 (2) ensuring equity in funding for students in public schools statewide;

13 (3) ensuring excellence in school systems and student performance
 14 statewide;

15 (4) providing for a smooth transition as current educational funding
 16 initiatives abrogate; ~~and~~

17 (5) analyzing whether it is more effective to provide additional State aid
 18 in the form of targeted grants or by increasing funding through the base formula; and

19 (6) ensuring that local property tax policies do not affect the equitable
 20 allocation of funding for students in public schools statewide.

21 (c) The Commission shall be composed of ~~23~~ 25 ~~27~~ members as follows:

22 (1) a chairman appointed by the Governor;

23 (2) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

24 ~~(3)~~ (3) two members of the Senate Economic and Environmental
 25 Affairs Committee appointed by the President of the Senate;

26 ~~(4)~~ (4) two members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
 27 appointed by the President of the Senate;

28 ~~(5)~~ (5) two members of the House Ways and Means Committee
 29 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

30 ~~(6)~~ (6) two members of the House Appropriations Committee
 31 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

32 ~~(7)~~ (7) the State Superintendent of Schools;

33 ~~(8)~~ (8) the Secretary of Budget and Management;

- 1 ~~(8)~~ (9) ~~the President~~ a member of the State Board of Education;
- 2 ~~(9)~~ (10) a representative of the Maryland State Teachers Association
3 appointed by the Governor;
- 4 ~~(10)~~ (11) a representative of the Baltimore Teachers Union appointed by
5 the Governor;
- 6 ~~(11)~~ (12) a local board of education ~~president~~ member appointed by the
7 Governor;
- 8 ~~(12)~~ (13) a school superintendent appointed by the Governor;
- 9 (14) a chief financial officer of a local school system appointed by the
10 Governor;
- 11 ~~(13)~~ (15) ~~a representative~~ two representatives of the Maryland
12 Association of Counties, one representing an urban county and one representing a
13 rural county, appointed by the Governor;
- 14 ~~(14)~~ (16) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland;
- 15 ~~(15)~~ (17) the president of a private college located in the State appointed
16 by the Governor;
- 17 ~~(16)~~ (18) ~~two a chief executive officers~~ officer of companies a company
18 operating in the State, appointed by the Governor; and
- 19 ~~(17)~~ (19) ~~two a chief financial officers~~ officer of companies a company
20 operating in the State, nominated by the Maryland Business Round Table and
21 appointed by the Governor;
- 22 (20) a representative of a group that advocates for public education,
23 nominated by the State Superintendent of Schools and appointed by the Governor; and
- 24 (21) a parent of a student who attends a public school in Maryland,
25 nominated by the State Superintendent of Schools and appointed by the Governor.
- 26 (d) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall attempt to ensure regional,
27 ethnic, economic, and gender diversity on the Commission.
- 28 (e) The State Board of Education and the Department of Legislative Services
29 shall provide staff support to the Commission.
- 30 (f) (1) The Commission shall provide an interim report of its findings and
31 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
32 Government Article, to the General Assembly by January 1, 2000.
- 33 (2) The Commission shall provide a final report of its findings and
34 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
35 Government Article, to the General Assembly by October 15, 2000.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect June 1, 1999.