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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Aid for Public Education - School Operating Support Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for certain school operating support grants from the  
4 State to county boards of education for certain fiscal years under certain  
5 circumstances; providing for certain additional grants from the State to certain  
6 county boards of education for a certain fiscal year; providing for the  
7 termination of this Act; and generally relating to certain grants from the State  
8 to county boards of education for certain fiscal years.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 5-212  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 5-212.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT" AND  
19 "WEALTH" HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN § 5-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

20 (B) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2000, 2001, AND 2002, THE STATE SHALL PAY  
21 TO EACH COUNTY BOARD A SCHOOL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT, IN THE MANNER  
22 PROVIDED AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

23 (C) THE AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD UNDER  
24 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN:

25 (1) \$75 MULTIPLIED BY THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT  
26 FOR THE COUNTY; AND

1 (2) THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING THE WEALTH OF THE COUNTY  
 2 TIMES A FRACTION, ROUNDED TO 7 DECIMAL PLACES AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT  
 3 WITH 5 DECIMAL PLACES:

4 (I) THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF  
 5 MULTIPLYING THE STATEWIDE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT BY \$37.50;  
 6 AND

7 (II) THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE SUM OF THE WEALTH OF  
 8 ALL OF THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE.

9 (D) (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOOL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT  
 10 FROM THE STATE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR A FISCAL YEAR, IN  
 11 ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE APPROPRIATED UNDER § 5-202(B)(3) OF  
 12 THIS SUBTITLE, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL APPROPRIATE LOCAL FUNDS  
 13 TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST THE  
 14 LESSER OF:

15 (I) THE AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY AS  
 16 CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; OR

17 (II) THE PRODUCT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS  
 18 SECTION.

19 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THE MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING EFFORT  
 20 REQUIREMENT UNDER § 5-202 (B)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE CALCULATION OF THE  
 21 COUNTY'S HIGHEST LOCAL APPROPRIATION TO ITS SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET  
 22 FOR A FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED A STATE SCHOOL  
 23 OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EXCLUDE THE AMOUNT  
 24 REQUIRED TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE THAT FISCAL YEAR UNDER PARAGRAPH  
 25 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

26 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 ONLY, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FUNDS  
 27 PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS  
 28 TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES, TO HOLD THE COUNTIES  
 29 HARMLESS FROM A REDUCTION IN THE STATE SHARE OF BASIC CURRENT EXPENSES  
 30 OCCURRING FROM FISCAL YEAR 1999 TO FISCAL YEAR 2000:

31	(1)	ALLEGANY COUNTY	\$544,000;
32	(2)	GARRETT COUNTY	37,000;
33	(3)	SOMERSET COUNTY	19,000; AND
34	(4)	TALBOT COUNTY	108,000.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 36 July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June  
 37 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
 38 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

