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CHAPTER _____

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~~ years; providing for the
7 termination of this Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and
8 generally relating to certain grants from the State to county boards of education
9 for certain fiscal years.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Education
12 Section 5-212
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 5-212.

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

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

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

10 ~~(+) \$75 MULTIPLIED BY THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT~~
11 ~~FOR THE COUNTY; AND~~

12 (1) THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT FOR THE COUNTY
13 MULTIPLIED BY:

14 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000, \$51;

15 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001, \$63; AND

16 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002, \$75; AND

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

20 (I) THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF
21 MULTIPLYING THE STATEWIDE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT BY ~~\$37.50;~~

22 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000, \$25.50;

23 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001, \$31.50; AND

24 3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002, \$37.50; AND

25 (II) THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE SUM OF THE WEALTH OF
26 ALL OF THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE.

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

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

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

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

10 (E) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 ONLY~~, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FUNDS
11 PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS
12 TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES, TO HOLD THE COUNTIES
13 HARMLESS FROM A REDUCTION IN THE STATE SHARE OF BASIC CURRENT EXPENSES
14 OCCURRING FROM FISCAL YEAR 1999 TO FISCAL YEAR 2000:

- 15 (1) ALLEGANY COUNTY \$544,000;
- 16 (2) GARRETT COUNTY 37,000;
- 17 (3) SOMERSET COUNTY 19,000; AND
- 18 (4) TALBOT COUNTY 108,000.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that funding for the State Operating Support Grants and the
21 additional grants provided in Section 1 of this Act be included in the Governor's
22 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999.

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