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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Principals and Administrators - Mentor Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to distribute
4 certain grants to county boards of education for certain mentoring programs for
5 principals and administrators; requiring the State Superintendent to consider a
6 certain additional criteria in selecting certain plans eligible for certain grants;
7 and generally relating to certain grants to county boards for certain mentoring
8 programs for principals and administrators.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Education

11 Section 5-206.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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 5-206.1.

18 (a) It is the intent of this section to provide competitive grants to encourage
19 county boards to expand and develop mentoring programs FOR TEACHERS,
20 PRINCIPALS, AND ADMINISTRATORS.

21 (b) Subject to the appropriation of funds in the annual State budget, the State
22 Superintendent annually shall distribute in accordance with the criteria specified in
23 subsection (c) of this section competitive grants to county boards for expansion of
24 mentor programs FOR TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS, AND ADMINISTRATORS.

25 (c) (1) A county board applying for a grant under this section shall submit a
26 plan for funding to the State Superintendent.

1 (2) The State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting funds
2 to schools in which 40% of the students receive free or reduced price meals.

3 (3) In addition to the criteria in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
4 State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting funds to schools in which:

5 (i) 50% or more of the teachers have 5 years or less of teaching
6 experience; [or]

7 (ii) 50% OR MORE OF THE PRINCIPALS AND ADMINISTRATORS HAVE
8 5 YEARS OR LESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE; OR

9 (III) Student achievement scores on local, State, and national
10 assessments are at or below a satisfactory level.

11 (d) The total grants distributed under this section for any fiscal year may not
12 exceed \$5,000,000.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 June 1, 2000.