

SENATE BILL 106

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By: **Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee (Departmental -
Education)**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Grants for Transportation Services for Public School Students**

3 FOR the purpose of making certain adjustments to the formula for transportation
4 grants to county boards of education; adjusting the time period for calculating
5 increases in the grant amounts; and generally relating to the computation of the
6 grants to provide transportation services to public school students.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 5-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 5-205.

16 (a) For fiscal year 1993, grants in the following amounts shall be distributed
17 to the county boards to provide transportation services for public school students and
18 handicapped children for whom transportation is to be provided under § 8-410 of this
19 article. Appropriations for student transportation shall be budgeted in a separate
20 budget category as provided in § 5-101 of this article. If the amount that is
21 appropriated to a county under this section in a fiscal year is more than the actual
22 cost of providing student transportation services in that county, a county board or the
23 Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City may apply any excess funds to costs
24 of pupil transportation in subsequent years. None of these funds may be paid to or
25 claimed by any subdivision, nor may any of these funds be reverted to any
26 subdivision. A county board or the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City
27 may not transfer State revenues from the student transportation category to any
28 other category as a result of this section.

1	(1)	Allegany	\$ 1,980,822
2	(2)	Anne Arundel	8,425,949
3	(3)	Baltimore City	7,190,970
4	(4)	Baltimore.....	10,367,659
5	(5)	Calvert.....	1,416,467
6	(6)	Caroline.....	1,006,102
7	(7)	Carroll	3,187,617
8	(8)	Cecil.....	1,804,270
9	(9)	Charles	3,451,989
10	(10)	Dorchester	1,019,763
11	(11)	Frederick	3,190,417
12	(12)	Garrett	1,316,631
13	(13)	Harford.....	4,243,590
14	(14)	Howard.....	3,771,266
15	(15)	Kent	682,517
16	(16)	Montgomery	9,288,324
17	(17)	Prince George's.....	13,405,820
18	(18)	Queen Anne's.....	1,124,034
19	(19)	St. Mary's	2,281,410
20	(20)	Somerset.....	793,869
21	(21)	Talbot.....	639,498
22	(22)	Washington.....	2,592,124
23	(23)	Wicomico	1,905,063
24	(24)	Worcester	1,159,874

25 (b) (1) In this subsection, "full-time equivalent enrollment" means the
 26 full-time equivalent enrollment used to calculate the State share of basic current
 27 expenses for a fiscal year under § 5-202 of this subtitle.

1 (2) Subject to the limitations under paragraph (3) of this subsection, for
2 fiscal year [1998] 2001 and every year thereafter the amount of the grant shall be
3 equal to the amount of the grant for the previous year increased by the same
4 percentage as the increase in the private transportation category of the Consumer
5 Price Index for all urban consumers, for the [Baltimore] WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE
6 metropolitan area, as of July of the [second] fiscal year preceding the year for which
7 the amount is being calculated, plus an additional amount equal to the product of:

8 (i) The total State grant for school transportation for the previous
9 fiscal year divided by the full-time equivalent enrollment for the previous fiscal year;
10 and

11 (ii) [1.] For fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, the
12 difference between the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current
13 fiscal year and the full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous
14 fiscal year, or, if the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal
15 year is less than the full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous
16 fiscal year, zero]; and

17 2. For fiscal year 1998 only, one-half the difference between
18 the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal year and the
19 full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous fiscal year, or, if the
20 full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal year is less than the
21 full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous fiscal year, zero].

22 (3) The increase in the amount of the grant that is based on the increase
23 in the private transportation category of the Consumer Price Index may not be less
24 than 3 percent nor more than 8 percent of the amount of the grant for the previous
25 year.

26 (c) For each fiscal year, in addition to the grant provided under subsections (a)
27 and (b) of this section, a handicapped student transportation grant shall be
28 distributed to each county board. The amount of the grant to each board shall be \$500
29 times the number of handicapped students requiring special transportation services
30 who are transported by the county board in excess of the number transported during
31 the 1980-1981 school year.

32 (d) For the purposes of determining the amount of the grant provided under
33 subsection (c) of this section, the State Board shall develop a procedure and adopt
34 regulations for determining the number of handicapped students transported in each
35 jurisdiction in excess of the number transported in the 1980-1981 school year.

36 (e) The State Board shall adopt rules and regulations that provide for the safe
37 operation of the student transportation system of each county board of education.

38 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
39 July 1, 2000.