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By: **Senators Lawlah and Currie**  
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Distressed Counties - State Aid for Public Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to pay certain amounts in a certain fiscal year  
4 to certain county boards of education to provide additional education assistance;  
5 and generally relating to the payment of certain amounts from the State to  
6 certain county boards in a certain fiscal year.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, The State has begun implementing the One Maryland Program to  
9 provide assistance to those counties in the State that are chronically economically  
10 depressed and have not fully participated in the economic recovery shared by the rest  
11 of the State over the last several years; and

12 WHEREAS, The One Maryland Program is designed to bring those counties up  
13 to the economic level of the rest of the State; and

14 WHEREAS, Additional educational assistance is needed to help bring those  
15 counties up to the economic level of the rest of the State; now, therefore,

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) For fiscal year 2001, the State shall pay the following amounts to the  
19 county boards of education of the following counties, based on a formula related to the  
20 number of teachers in the counties, to provide additional educational assistance to  
21 those distressed counties:

- 22 (1) Allegany County, \$2,366,387;
- 23 (2) Caroline County, \$1,126,050;
- 24 (3) Dorchester County, \$1,102,521;
- 25 (4) Garrett County, \$1,173,109;
- 26 (5) Somerset County, \$729,412; and

1           (6)       Worcester County, \$1,502,521.

2       (b)       For fiscal year 2001, the State shall pay \$8,000,000 to the New Baltimore  
3 City Board of School Commissioners and \$8,000,000 to the Prince George's County  
4 Board of Education, to provide additional educational assistance to those distressed  
5 jurisdictions.

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