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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education - Transportation of Disabled Students -**
3 **Grants to Local Jurisdictions**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of a certain grant that is distributed to
5 local boards of education to cover certain costs relating to the transportation of
6 disabled students; increasing the factor to be used in determining the amount of
7 the grant by a certain amount each year for a certain number of fiscal years;
8 providing that, thereafter, the grant shall increase by a certain percentage each
9 fiscal year; making a clarifying change to a provision relating to a grant that is
10 distributed to local boards of education to cover certain costs relating to the
11 transportation of disabled and nondisabled students; and generally relating to
12 primary and secondary education and the costs associated with transporting
13 students to school.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Education
16 Section 5-205
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 5-205.

23 (a) For fiscal year 1993, grants in the following amounts shall be distributed
24 to the county boards to provide transportation services for public school students and
25 [handicapped] DISABLED children for whom transportation is to be provided under §
26 8-410 of this article. Appropriations for student transportation shall be budgeted in a
27 separate budget category as provided in § 5-101 of this article. If the amount that is
28 appropriated to a county under this section in a fiscal year is more than the actual
29 cost of providing student transportation services in that county, a county board or the

1 Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City may apply any excess funds to costs
 2 of pupil transportation in subsequent years. None of these funds may be paid to or
 3 claimed by any subdivision, nor may any of these funds be reverted to any
 4 subdivision. A county board or the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City
 5 may not transfer State revenues from the student transportation category to any
 6 other category as a result of this section.

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

1 (24) Worcester1,159,874

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

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

12 (i) The total State grant for school transportation for the previous
13 fiscal year divided by the full-time equivalent enrollment for the previous fiscal year;
14 and

15 (ii) 1. For fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, the
16 difference between the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current
17 fiscal year and the full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous
18 fiscal year, or, if the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal
19 year is less than the full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous
20 fiscal year, zero; and

21 2. For fiscal year 1998 only, one-half the difference between
22 the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal year and the
23 full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous fiscal year, or, if the
24 full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current fiscal year is less than the
25 full-time equivalent enrollment in the county for the previous fiscal year, zero.

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

30 (c) (1) For each fiscal year, in addition to the grant provided under
31 subsections (a) and (b) of this section, a [handicapped] DISABLED student
32 transportation grant shall be distributed to each county board. [The amount of the
33 grant to each board shall be \$500 times the number of handicapped students
34 requiring special transportation services who are transported by the county board in
35 excess of the number transported during the 1980-1981 school year.]

36 (2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001 THROUGH 2006, THE AMOUNT OF THE
37 DISABLED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION GRANT DISTRIBUTED TO A COUNTY BOARD
38 SHALL EQUAL THE PRODUCT OF:

39 (I) THE NUMBER OF DISABLED STUDENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL
40 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHO WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD
41 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE GRANT IS BEING CALCULATED IN

1 EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF DISABLED STUDENTS WHO WERE TRANSPORTED BY
2 THE COUNTY BOARD DURING THE 1980-1981 SCHOOL YEAR; AND

3 (II) THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:

- 4 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001, \$1,000;
- 5 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002, \$1,500;
- 6 3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003, \$2,000;
- 7 4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004, \$2,500;
- 8 5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, \$3,000; AND
- 9 6. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006, \$3,500.

10 (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
11 AMOUNT OF THE DISABLED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION GRANT DISTRIBUTED TO A
12 COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE INCREASE
13 IN THE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR
14 ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, FOR THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA,
15 AS OF JULY OF THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE
16 GRANT IS BEING CALCULATED.

17 (d) For the purposes of determining the amount of the grant provided under
18 subsection (c) of this section, the State Board shall develop a procedure and adopt
19 regulations for determining the number of [handicapped] DISABLED students
20 transported in each jurisdiction in excess of the number transported in the 1980-1981
21 school year.

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

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