BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 661 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "establishing" in line 3 down through "budget;" in line 9; in line 10, strike "each county" and substitute "certain counties".

On page 2, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 5 down through "Test;" in line 13; in line 15, after "that" insert "<u>establishment of</u>"; in line 16, strike "established" and substitute "<u>studied</u>"; in line 17, after "develop" insert "<u>, in conjunction with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board</u>,"; strike beginning with "declaring" in line 18 down through "programs;" in line 19; strike beginning with "declaring" in line 21 down through "Program;" in line 24; strike beginning with "declaring" in line 33 down through the first semicolon in line 34.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 31, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 2, after "(A)" insert "<u>(1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003 AND 2004, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 83A, § 5-701 OF THE CODE, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS.</u>

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, ";

and in line 5, after "(B)" insert "<u>SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN THE</u> <u>STATE BUDGET</u>,".

On page 12, in line 30, strike "4." and substitute "2."; in line 32, strike "of at least \$476,000"

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and substitute "<u>in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in this Act</u>,"; in line 33, strike "every"; in the same line, strike "student" and substitute "<u>students</u>"; and in the same line, after "State." insert "<u>The Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget for fiscal year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in this Act.".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, strike beginning with the first "THE" in line 12 down through "PROGRAM" in line 13 and substitute "<u>FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE</u> <u>BUDGET</u>"; and in line 14, after "(2)" insert "<u>TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED</u>,".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 11, in line 7, after "NURSING," insert "<u>SOCIAL WORK</u>,"; in line 16, strike "OR"; and in line 17, after "PHARMACY;" insert "<u>OR</u>

<u>5.</u> <u>SOCIAL WORK;</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 12, strike in their entirety lines 13 through 29, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 12, in line 34, strike "5." and substitute "3.".

On page 13, in line 5, strike "If funding is provided in the State budget, the" and substitute "<u>The</u>"; and in line 6, strike "establish" and substitute "<u>study and plan for the establishment of</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 13, in line 8, strike "6." and substitute "<u>4.</u>"; and in line 9, after "develop" insert "<u>, in</u> conjunction with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board,".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

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On page 13, in line 16, strike "8." and substitute "<u>5.</u>"; in line 20, strike "2003" and substitute "<u>2004, to the extent that funds are available</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive, and substitute:

"(b) In the first year of implementation, to the extent that funds are available, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education shall implement the College Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City; and".

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 29 through 32, inclusive; in line 33, strike "10." and substitute "<u>6.</u>"; and in line 39, strike "11." and substitute "<u>7.</u>".