

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 453
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 11, insert “requiring the State Department of Education to distribute a grant in certain amounts to certain counties for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test;”.

On page 2, in line 24, strike “Program” and substitute “Board”; in line 44, before “18-303(d)” insert “7-203.1,”; and in the same line, after “18-303(d)” insert a comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 12, insert:

“7-203.1.

(A) (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.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO EACH COUNTY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE AMOUNT OF EACH COUNTY’S GRANT SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEST TO ALL 10TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY.”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 13, after line 4, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year 2003 an appropriation in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted by this Act, for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students in the State. The Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget for the 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 by this Act.”;

in lines 5, 15, and 24, strike “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively; in line 28, after “2004” insert “, to the extent that funds are available”; in line 34, after the comma insert “to the extent that funds are available.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 14, in lines 13 and 19, strike “5.” and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “6.” and “7.”, respectively.