

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 419

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “subject” in line 8 down through “condition” in line 9 and substitute “in certain years, subject to a certain condition; requiring the State Department of Education to submit a certain report on the Program by a certain date”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike lines 3 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

“(3) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE A GRANT TO THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF:

(I) THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY WHO RECEIVED SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM IN THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED; AND

(II) 1. .05 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004;

2. .10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005;

3. .15 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006; AND

4. .20 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.”;

(Over)

after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland State Department of Education shall conduct a study of the effectiveness of the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program enacted by this Act and shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2005, with recommendations on:

(1) whether the Program should be continued or modified; and

(2) whether the funding for the Program as provided in § 8-416(h) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act, should be modified in fiscal year 2006 and thereafter.”;

in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.