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By: **Delegates Conway and Rawlings**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Student Transportation Grants - Increase in Amounts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amounts of grants to county boards for  
4 transportation services; prohibiting a county board from receiving more than  
5 100 percent of the actual cost of providing student transportation services in  
6 that county; and generally relating to grants to county boards for student  
7 transportation services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 5-205  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 5-205.

17 (a) For fiscal year [1993] 2003, grants in the following amounts shall be  
18 distributed to the county boards to provide transportation services for public school  
19 students and handicapped children for whom transportation is to be provided under §  
20 8-410 of this article:

21	(1)	ALLEGANY .....	\$3,469,827;
22	(2)	ANNE ARUNDEL .....	\$15,293,428;
23	(3)	BALTIMORE CITY.....	\$12,596,967;
24	(4)	BALTIMORE.....	\$18,920,981;
25	(5)	CALVERT .....	\$2,907,878;

1	(6)	CAROLINE.....	\$1,798,633;
2	(7)	CARROLL.....	\$5,967,050;
3	(8)	CECIL.....	\$3,351,898;
4	(9)	CHARLES.....	\$6,443,910;
5	(10)	DORCHESTER.....	\$1,790,299;
6	(11)	FREDERICK.....	\$6,291,589;
7	(12)	GARRETT.....	\$2,308,605;
8	(13)	HARFORD.....	\$7,843,468;
9	(14)	HOWARD.....	\$7,807,617;
10	(15)	KENT.....	\$1,202,859;
11	(16)	MONTGOMERY.....	\$18,691,895;
12	(17)	PRINCE GEORGE'S.....	\$25,145,846;
13	(18)	QUEEN ANNE'S.....	\$2,103,813;
14	(19)	ST. MARY'S.....	\$4,178,786;
15	(20)	SOMERSET.....	\$1,393,339;
16	(21)	TALBOT.....	\$1,140,895;
17	(22)	WASHINGTON.....	\$4,587,516;
18	(23)	WICOMICO.....	\$3,365,941; AND
19	(24)	WORCESTER.....	\$2,063,619.

20 (B) Appropriations for student transportation shall be budgeted in a separate  
21 budget category as provided in § 5-101 of this article.

22 (C) [If the amount that is appropriated to a county under this section in a  
23 fiscal year is more than the actual cost of providing student transportation services in  
24 that county, a county board or the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City  
25 may apply any excess funds to costs of pupil transportation in subsequent years. None  
26 of these funds may be paid to or claimed by any subdivision, nor may any of these  
27 funds be reverted to any subdivision.] A COUNTY MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN 100%  
28 OF THE ACTUAL COST OF PROVIDING STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THAT  
29 COUNTY.

1 (D) A county board [or the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City]  
 2 may not transfer State revenues from the student transportation category to any  
 3 other category [as a result of this section].

4	(1)	Allegany.....	\$ 1,980,822
5	(2)	Anne Arundel .....	8,425,949
6	(3)	Baltimore City .....	7,190,970
7	(4)	Baltimore.....	10,367,659
8	(5)	Calvert.....	1,416,467
9	(6)	Caroline.....	1,006,102
10	(7)	Carroll .....	3,187,617
11	(8)	Cecil.....	1,804,270
12	(9)	Charles .....	3,451,989
13	(10)	Dorchester .....	1,019,763
14	(11)	Frederick .....	3,190,417
15	(12)	Garrett.....	1,316,631
16	(13)	Harford.....	4,243,590
17	(14)	Howard.....	3,771,266
18	(15)	Kent .....	682,517
19	(16)	Montgomery .....	9,288,324
20	(17)	Prince George's.....	13,405,820
21	(18)	Queen Anne's.....	1,124,034
22	(19)	St. Mary's .....	2,281,410
23	(20)	Somerset.....	793,869
24	(21)	Talbot.....	639,498
25	(22)	Washington.....	2,592,124
26	(23)	Wicomico .....	1,905,063
27	(24)	Worcester .....	1,159,874]

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

4 (2) Subject to the limitations under paragraph (3) of this subsection, for  
5 fiscal year [2001] 2004 and every year thereafter the amount of the grant shall be  
6 equal to the amount of the grant for the previous year increased by the same  
7 percentage as the increase in the private transportation category of the Consumer  
8 Price Index for all urban consumers, for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan  
9 area, as of July of the fiscal year preceding the year for which the amount is being  
10 calculated, plus an additional amount equal to the product of:

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

14 (ii) [For fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, the] THE  
15 difference between the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for the current  
16 fiscal year and EITHER:

17 1. [the] THE full-time equivalent enrollment in the county  
18 for the previous fiscal year[, or,]; OR

19 2. [if ] IF the full-time equivalent enrollment in a county for  
20 the current fiscal year is less than the full-time equivalent enrollment in the county  
21 for the previous fiscal year, zero.

22 (3) The increase in the amount of the grant that is based on the increase  
23 in the private transportation category of the Consumer Price Index may not be less  
24 than [3 percent] 3% nor more than [8 percent] 8% of the amount of the grant for the  
25 previous year.

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

32 [(d)] (G) For the purposes of determining the amount of the grant provided  
33 under subsection [(c)] (F) of this section, the State Board shall develop a procedure  
34 and adopt regulations for determining the number of handicapped students  
35 transported in each jurisdiction in excess of the number transported in the 1980-1981  
36 school year.

37 [(e)] (H) The State Board shall adopt rules and regulations that provide for  
38 the safe operation of the student transportation system of each county board of  
39 education.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 2002.