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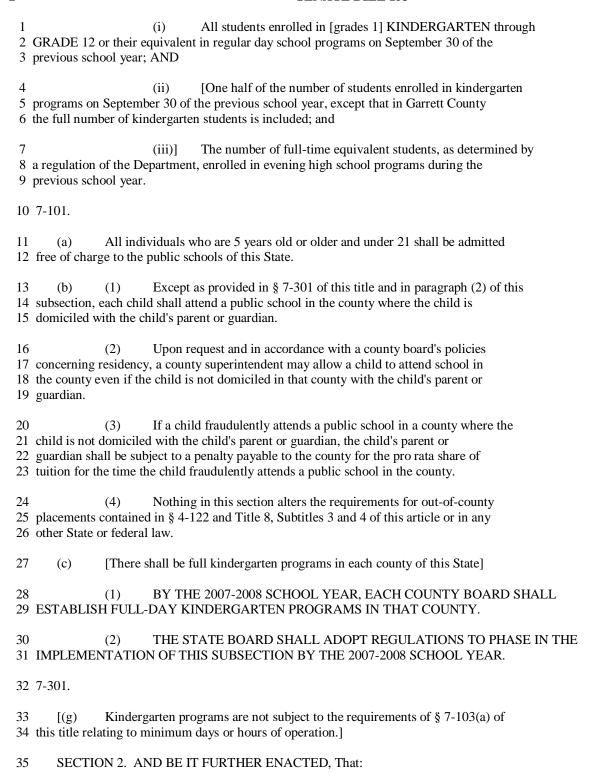
By: Senators Mitchell, Bromwell, Conway, Currie, Frosh, Hoffman, Hughes,

McFadden, Pinsky, Sfikas, and Teitelbaum Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2002

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Education - Full-Day Kindergarten and Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs - Establishment
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to kindergarten and
13 14 15 16 17	Section 5-202(a)(7) and 7-101 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 19 20 21 22	Section 7-301(g) Annotated Code of Maryland
23 24	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
25	Article - Education
26	5-202.
27	(a) (7) "Full-time equivalent enrollment" means:

SENATE BILL 153



- 1 (a) For fiscal years 2004 through 2008, the Governor shall include an
- 2 additional \$5 million in the State budget for the establishment of half-day
- 3 pre-kindergarten programs in each local public school system in the State for
- 4 4-year-old children who are potentially at risk of failing in school, with the overall
- 5 goal of providing learning experiences to help such children develop and maintain the
- 6 basic skills necessary for successful school performance. The local school systems may
- 7 contract with a private provider for the operation of the half-day pre-kindergarten
- 8 programs, provided that the programs comply in all respects with the laws and
- 9 regulations governing early childhood and extended elementary education programs.
- 10 (b) This section shall remain effective until June 30, 2008, and, at the end of
- 11 June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this section
- 12 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 14 effect July 1, 2002.