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By: **Senator Dorman**

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elementary and Secondary Education - Mentoring Program Grants -**  
3 **Requirements for Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain plans for mentoring programs for teachers in  
5 the public schools to require a certain timing and frequency of meetings between  
6 teachers and mentors; requiring the total grants distributed for any fiscal year  
7 to total a certain amount; providing for an additional grant to assist a county  
8 board with the hiring of retired educators as mentors; and generally relating to  
9 mentoring program grants.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Education

12 Section 5-206.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 5-206.1.

19 (a) It is the intent of this section to provide competitive grants to encourage  
20 county boards to expand and develop mentoring programs.

21 (b) Subject to the appropriation of funds in the annual State budget, the State  
22 Superintendent annually shall distribute in accordance with the criteria specified in  
23 subsection (c) of this section competitive grants to county boards for expansion of  
24 mentor programs.

25 (c) (1) A county board applying for a grant under this section shall submit a  
26 plan for funding to the State Superintendent.

27 (2) THE PLAN SHALL REQUIRE THAT MENTORS AND TEACHERS MUST  
28 MEET:

1 (I) BEFORE OR DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES FOR  
2 FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS; AND

3 (II) AT LEAST ONCE EACH MONTH DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR  
4 ALL PARTICIPATING TEACHERS.

5 [(2)] (3) The State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting  
6 funds to schools in which 40% of the students receive free or reduced price meals.

7 [(3)] (4) In addition to the criteria in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this  
8 subsection, the State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting funds to  
9 schools in which:

10 (i) 50% or more of the teachers have 5 years or less of teaching  
11 experience; or

12 (ii) Student achievement scores on local, State, and national  
13 assessments are at or below a satisfactory level.

14 (d) The total grants distributed under this section for any fiscal year [may not  
15 exceed] SHALL TOTAL A MINIMUM OF \$5,000,000.

16 (E) (1) AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000 GRANT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST A  
17 COUNTY BOARD WITH THE HIRING OF RETIRED EDUCATORS AS MENTORS.

18 (2) FOR GRANTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE  
19 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO PLANS TARGETING FUNDS TO SCHOOLS  
20 IN WHICH:

21 (I) 50% OR MORE OF THE TEACHERS HAVE 5 YEARS OR LESS OF  
22 TEACHING EXPERIENCE;

23 (II) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCORES ON LOCAL, STATE, AND  
24 NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS ARE AT OR BELOW A SATISFACTORY LEVEL; AND

25 (III) 40% OF THE STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE  
26 MEALS.

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