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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Maryland School for the Blind - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the formula that is used to calculate State funding for the  
4 Maryland School for the Blind; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
5 the formula for calculating the amount of State aid for the Maryland School for  
6 the Blind.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 8-309  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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13 Article - Education  
14 Section 8-317  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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**Article - Education**

2 8-309.

3 Teachers and any other professional personnel at the Maryland School for the  
4 Blind shall be paid an annual salary that is at least equal to the salary received by  
5 public school teachers and professional personnel of similar training and experience  
6 in the county in which the school is located.

7 8-317.

8 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (2) "4-year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment" means:

10 (i) The average number of students enrolled annually in grades  
11 prekindergarten through grade 12 at the Maryland School for the Blind during 4  
12 consecutive school years as determined by dividing the aggregate monthly enrollment  
13 during the 4-year period by the number of months school is in session during the  
14 4-year period; [and]

15 (ii) One-half the average number of children served annually by  
16 the Maryland School for the Blind's Early Intervention Program during 4 consecutive  
17 school years as determined by dividing the program's aggregate monthly enrollment  
18 during the 4-year period by the number of months school is in session during the  
19 4-year period; AND

20 (III) ~~ONE-QUARTER~~ ONE-THIRD OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF  
21 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY BY THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND'S  
22 OUTREACH PROGRAM DURING 4 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL YEARS AS DETERMINED BY  
23 DIVIDING THE PROGRAM'S AGGREGATE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT DURING THE  
24 4-YEAR PERIOD BY THE NUMBER OF MONTHS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION DURING THE  
25 4-YEAR PERIOD.

26 (3) "Growth in the per pupil basic current expense figure" means the  
27 change in the per pupil basic current expense figure from the prior fiscal year to the  
28 current fiscal year divided by the per pupil basic current expense figure from the  
29 prior fiscal year.

30 (4) "Per pupil basic current expense figure" means the figure calculated  
31 for each fiscal year by the Department in accordance with § 5-202 of this article.

32 (5) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, "prior year  
33 appropriation" means the State appropriation to the Maryland School for the Blind in  
34 the prior fiscal year less any funding provided under § 8-315 of this subtitle in the  
35 prior fiscal year.

36 (6) "SALARY EXPENSE FIGURE" MEANS THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING  
37 1.1 TIMES THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID AS ANNUAL SALARY BY THE MARYLAND SCHOOL

1 FOR THE BLIND UNDER THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SALARY SCALE TO TEACHERS AND  
2 OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED UNDER § 8-309 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3           ~~(6)~~    (7)       "Weighted enrollment growth" means the product of 0.2 times  
4 the change in the 4-year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment from the  
5 3rd through the 6th prior school years to the 2nd through the 5th prior school years  
6 divided by the 4-year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment from the 3rd  
7 through the 6th prior school years.

8       (b)       Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Maryland School  
9 for the Blind shall receive an appropriation equal to or greater than the sum of:

10           (1)       75% of the prior year appropriation multiplied by the product of:

11                   (i)       The sum of the weighted enrollment growth plus one; and

12                   (ii)       The sum of the growth in the per pupil basic current expense  
13 figure plus one; [and]

14           (2)       25% of the prior year appropriation multiplied by the sum of the  
15 weighted enrollment growth plus one; AND

16           ~~(3)       THE INCREASE IN PERSONNEL COSTS FOR TEACHERS AND~~  
17 ~~PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL PAID UNDER THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SALARY SCALE~~  
18 ~~FROM THE FIRST TO THE SECOND PRIOR YEARS.~~

19           (3)       THE INCREASE IN THE SALARY EXPENSE FIGURE FROM THE SECOND  
20 PRIOR YEAR TO THE FIRST PRIOR YEAR.

21       (c)       The "prior year appropriation" used to calculate the fiscal year 2000  
22 appropriation to the Maryland School for the Blind shall be \$11,585,436.

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