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By: Senators Kittleman, Harris, and Stoltzfus Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2002 Assigned to: Finance A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 **Education - Certificated Employees - Collective Bargaining - Merit Pay** 3 **Increases** 4 FOR the purpose of excluding merit pay increases from the matters that may be 5 subject to collective bargaining between certain public school employers and 6 certain employee organizations that represent certain public school employees; 7 and generally relating to collective bargaining for public school employees. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 8 Article - Education 10 Section 6-402 and 6-408(b) Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2001 Replacement Volume) 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 13 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 15 **Article - Education** 16 6-402. 17 Public school employees may form, join, and participate in the activities of (a) 18 employee organizations of their own choice for the purpose of being represented on all matters that relate to salaries, wages, hours, and other working conditions, EXCEPT 20 MERIT PAY INCREASES. 21 An employee organization may establish reasonable: (b) 22 (1) Restrictions as to who may join; and 23 (2)Provisions for the dismissal of individuals from membership.

On request a public school employer or at least two of its designated

26 representatives shall meet and negotiate with at least two representatives of the

- 1 employee organization that is designated as the exclusive negotiating agent for the
- 2 public school employees in a unit of the county on all matters that relate to salaries,
- 3 wages, hours, and other working conditions, EXCEPT MERIT PAY INCREASES.
- 4 (2) In Montgomery County, the exclusive negotiating agent for the public
- 5 school employees in a unit and the public school employer shall meet and negotiate
- 6 under this section the salaries, wages, hours, and other working conditions of all
- 7 persons actually employed as substitute teachers or home and hospital teachers,
- 8 EXCEPT MERIT PAY INCREASES.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 July 1, 2002.