

BY: Senator Forehand

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 40
(Third Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 97, under:

Heading: MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Program: M00Q01.07

Entitled: Maryland Children's Health Program

Strike in their entirety lines 26 through 45, inclusive.

On pages 137 through 139, under:

Heading: FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program: R00A03.04

Entitled: Aid to Non-Public Schools

Strike beginning with "provided" in line 12 on page 137 down through "eligible" in line 13 on page 138 and substitute "provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of funding textbooks for nonpublic schools, may not be expended for that purpose or transferred to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to program M00Q01.07 Maryland Children's Health Program to fund the expenses of that program. Further provided that the Governor is hereby authorized to transfer \$3,000,000 by budget amendment in fiscal 2004 to program M00Q01.07. Special funds that are not transferred to the program M00Q01.07 may not be expended and shall revert to the Cigarette Restitution Fund at the close of the fiscal year".

(Over)

Explanation: The language prohibits the expenditure of \$3 million for the purchase of textbooks for nonpublic school students and authorizes the Governor to transfer the funds to the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP). Funds not spent for MCHP will revert to the Cigarette Restitution Fund at the end of the fiscal year. The amendment also strikes language prohibiting expenditures to provide MCHP services to children from families with incomes in excess of 225 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and requiring a family contribution from MCHP participants with incomes from 185 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.