

SENATE BILL 159

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By: **Senator McFadden (By Request - Baltimore City Administration)**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - State Public Safety Aid Program**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a State Public Safety Aid Program; requiring the  
4 Secretary of Budget and Management to authorize certain payments; requiring  
5 the Secretary of Budget and Management to make certain determinations based  
6 on a county's wealth; requiring the State Comptroller to make certain payments;  
7 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State Public Safety Aid  
8 Program.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
11 Section 9-1104  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

17 9-1104.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY" MEANS THE MOST  
21 RECENT ESTIMATE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION  
22 BEFORE THE STATE BUDGET IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
23 ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR COUNTY PURPOSES, EXCLUDING BUSINESS  
24 PERSONAL PROPERTY AND RAILROAD PERSONAL PROPERTY, AS OF JULY 1 OF THE  
25 FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE CALCULATION OF  
26 STATE PUBLIC SAFETY AID IS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION.

27 (3) "ELIGIBLE COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY THAT SPENDS OVER 0.25% OF  
28 THE COUNTY'S WEALTH ON ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES.

1 (4) "ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES" MEANS A COUNTY'S OPERATING  
2 EXPENSES, DURING THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH PUBLIC SAFETY  
3 GRANTS ARE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND  
4 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES THAT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ARE NOT  
5 REIMBURSED BY THE STATE.

6 (5) "NET TAXABLE INCOME" MEANS THE AMOUNT CERTIFIED BY THE  
7 STATE COMPTROLLER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE THE FISCAL YEAR FOR  
8 WHICH THE CALCULATION OF STATE PUBLIC SAFETY AID IS MADE UNDER THIS  
9 SECTION, BASED ON TAX RETURNS FILED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 AFTER THAT  
10 CALENDAR YEAR.

11 (6) "PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S TOTAL  
12 ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES MINUS 0.25% OF AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S WEALTH, NOT TO  
13 EXCEED 15% OF AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES.

14 (7) "WEALTH" MEANS THE SUM OF NET TAXABLE INCOME AND  
15 ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

16 (B) THERE IS A STATE PUBLIC SAFETY AID PROGRAM.

17 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL:

18 (I) AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION;  
19 AND

20 (II) DETERMINE WHICH COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE COUNTIES AND  
21 THE TOTAL OF EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.

22 (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY OF  
23 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE STATE COMPTROLLER WITH A LIST  
24 OF ELIGIBLE COUNTIES AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC  
25 SAFETY GRANT.

26 (D) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR  
27 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY EACH  
28 ELIGIBLE COUNTY THE ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT.

29 (E) (1) IN FISCAL YEAR 2005 ONLY, EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE  
30 20% OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT.

31 (2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2006 ONLY, EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE  
32 40% OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT.

33 (3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2007 ONLY, EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE  
34 60% OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT.

35 (4) IN FISCAL YEAR 2008 ONLY, EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE  
36 80% OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2003.