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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Education - Full-Day Kindergarten Programs - Schools in Critical Needs or**  
3                                   **Low Socioeconomic Areas**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards to provide full-day kindergarten  
5 programs for kindergarten students that attend certain schools by a certain  
6 school year; requiring certain county boards to provide full-day kindergarten  
7 programs to all kindergarten students by a certain school year; requiring the  
8 State Department of Education to make a certain determination; requiring  
9 certain county boards to identify certain information in a certain plan by a  
10 certain school year; requiring certain kindergarten programs to be subject to  
11 certain requirements relating to certain days and hours of operation; altering  
12 the effective date of a provision that would have repealed the provision of law  
13 that exempts kindergarten programs from certain requirements relating to  
14 minimum days or hours of operation; and generally relating to the provision of  
15 full-day kindergarten programs.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - Education  
18 Section 7-101(e)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article - Education  
23 Section 7-301(g)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)  
26 (As enacted by Chapter 288 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
28 Chapter 288 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002  
29 Section 25

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

3 **Article - Education**

4 7-101.

5 (e) (1) [By] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
6 BY the 2007-2008 school year, each county board shall provide full-day kindergarten  
7 programs for [all] kindergarten students in that county THAT ATTEND SCHOOLS IN A  
8 CRITICAL NEEDS OR LOW SOCIOECONOMIC AREA, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
9 DEPARTMENT.

10 (2) BY THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL  
11 PROVIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN  
12 STUDENTS IN THAT COUNTY.

13 (3) In the comprehensive master plan that is submitted under § 5-401 of  
14 this [article,] ARTICLE:

15 (I) [a] A county board REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY  
16 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS BY THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
17 OF THIS SUBSECTION shall identify the strategies that will be used in that county to  
18 ensure that full-day kindergarten programs are provided to [all] kindergarten  
19 students in that county by the 2007-2008 school year; AND

20 (II) A COUNTY BOARD REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY  
21 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS BY THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)  
22 OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL IDENTIFY THE STRATEGIES THAT WILL BE USED IN  
23 THAT COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ARE  
24 PROVIDED TO ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS IN THAT COUNTY BY THE 2011-2012  
25 SCHOOL YEAR.

26 7-301.

27 (G) (1) BEGINNING IN 2007, KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS  
28 IDENTIFIED UNDER § 7-101(E)(1) OF THIS TITLE ARE SUBJECT TO THE  
29 REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-103(A) OF THIS TITLE RELATING TO MINIMUM DAYS OR  
30 HOURS OF OPERATION.

31 (2) BEGINNING IN 2011, KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS  
32 IDENTIFIED UNDER § 7-101(E)(2) OF THIS TITLE ARE SUBJECT TO THE  
33 REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-103(A) OF THIS TITLE RELATING TO MINIMUM DAYS OR  
34 HOURS OF OPERATION.

35 **Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2002**

36 SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act  
37 shall take effect July 1, [2007] 2004.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2004.