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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Geographic Cost of Education Index - Calculation of Grant**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the Geographic Cost of Education Index "GCEI"~~
 4 ~~adjustment multiplier for a certain county; requiring the State Department of~~
 5 Education to update the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI) at certain
 6 times; requiring the Department to submit a certain proposed GCEI adjustment
 7 to the Governor and General Assembly and to recommend certain legislation at
 8 certain times; and generally relating to the calculation of GCEI grants in the
 9 Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act.

10 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 11 ~~Article - Education~~
 12 ~~Section 5-202(f)(1)~~
 13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 14 ~~(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~

15 BY adding to
 16 Article - Education
 17 Section 5-202(i)
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
 19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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Article - Education

2 5-202.

3 (f) (1) In this subsection, "GCEI adjustment" means the foundation
4 program for each county multiplied by:

- 5 (i) 0.000 in Allegany;
- 6 (ii) 0.018 in Anne Arundel;
- 7 (iii) 0.042 in Baltimore City;
- 8 (iv) 0.008 in Baltimore;
- 9 (v) 0.021 in Calvert;
- 10 (vi) 0.000 in Caroline;
- 11 (vii) 0.014 in Carroll;
- 12 (viii) 0.000 in Cecil;
- 13 (ix) 0.020 in Charles;
- 14 (x) 0.000 in Dorchester;
- 15 (xi) 0.024 in Frederick;
- 16 (xii) 0.000 in Garrett;
- 17 (xiii) 0.000 in Harford;
- 18 (xiv) 0.015 in Howard;
- 19 (xv) 0.010 in Kent;
- 20 (xvi) 0.034 in Montgomery;
- 21 (xvii) 0.048 in Prince George's;
- 22 (xviii) 0.011 in Queen Anne's;
- 23 (xix) 0.002 in St. Mary's;
- 24 (xx) 0.000 in Somerset;
- 25 (xxi) 0.000 in Talbot;
- 26 (xxii) 0.000 in Washington;
- 27 (xxiii) 0.000 in Wicomico; and

1 (~~xxiv~~) ~~{0.000}0.034 in Worcester.~~

2 (I) (1) BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, AND EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE GCEI ADJUSTMENT USING THE MOST CURRENT
4 DATA AVAILABLE.

5 (2) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE PROPOSED UPDATED
6 GCEI ADJUSTMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY SEPTEMBER 1
7 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS UPDATED.

8 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND LEGISLATION IN THE
9 FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE UPDATED GCEI
10 ADJUSTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2005.