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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Full Funding for or Waiver from the Federal No Child Left Behind Act**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation to seek either full
4 funding for the federal No Child Left Behind Act or a waiver from the
5 requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act; providing that a copy of
6 this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to
7 certain individuals; and generally relating to the federal No Child Left Behind
8 Act.

9 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland applauds the laudable goals proposed by the
10 President and the United States Congress and articulated in the No Child Left
11 Behind Act of 2002, specifically those goals to close the achievement gap and increase
12 student performance; and

13 WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act greatly expands the authority of the
14 United States Department of Education by impacting all students in the State,
15 without a significant increase in its funding to the State; and

16 WHEREAS, Federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act falls short of
17 sufficient funds for services for students with special needs; and

18 WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act contains conflicts between competing
19 federal education laws that govern the treatment of students with special needs and
20 is built on inadequate methods for measuring student and school performance; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
23 General Assembly urges the Maryland Congressional Delegation to seek either full
24 funding of the federal No Child Left Behind Act or a waiver for the State of Maryland
25 from the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

26 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
28 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
29 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
3 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
4 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, Benjamin L.
5 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
6 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,
7 D.C. 20515.