

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 650
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Funding Formula for”; in the same line, strike “Grants” and substitute “Services - Funding”; strike beginning with “State” in line 3 down through “services.” in line 29 and substitute “Governor to include a certain appropriation in the State budget for a certain fiscal year for the State Department of Education to distribute as Literacy Works grants for adult education and literacy services; and generally relating to funding for adult education and literacy services.”; and in line 30, after “repealing” insert “and reenacting, with amendments.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 2 through line 34 on page 8, inclusive, and substitute:

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

Article - Education

5-218.

(a) (1) The Department shall distribute competitive grants for adult education and literacy services in accordance with the State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy.

(2) The grants distributed under this section shall be based on need and performance.

(Over)

(3) Grants under this section may be used for adult education and literacy services, including:

(i) GED instruction;

(ii) The Maryland Adult External High School Program under § 7-205.1 of this article;

(iii) English for Speakers of Other Languages;

(iv) Family literacy; and

(v) Basic skills and literacy instruction.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, funding for the competitive grants under this section shall be as provided in the State budget.

(2) (I) In fiscal [years 2007 and 2008] YEAR 2007, the Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget equal to an increase of \$1,500,000 over the fiscal year 2005 appropriation for the Department to distribute as Literacy Works grants in order to reduce the waiting list for adult education and literacy services to the extent possible.

(II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET EQUAL TO AN INCREASE OF \$1,500,000 OVER THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DISTRIBUTE AS LITERACY WORKS GRANTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES.”.

On page 8, in line 35, strike “3.” and substitute “2”.