

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 4
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Currie” and substitute “Senators Currie, Ruben, Hogan, DeGrange, Jones, Kramer, Lawlah, McFadden, Frosh, Middleton, Forehand, Astle, Britt, Conway, Della, Dyson, Exum, Garagiola, Giannetti, Green, Grosfeld, Hughes, Jimeno, Pinsky, and Teitelbaum”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 6, after “years;” insert “requiring the State Department of Education to update a certain geographic cost of education index (GCEI) at certain times; requiring the Department to submit a certain proposed GCEI adjustment to the Governor and General Assembly and to recommend certain legislation at certain times;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in lines 28 and 29, strike “2008” and “2009”, respectively, and substitute “2009” and “2010”, respectively.

On page 3, in lines 1, 2, and 3, strike “2010”, “2011”, and “2012”, respectively, and substitute “2011”, “2012”, and “2013”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 11, insert:

“(4) (I)

BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, AND EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE GCEI ADJUSTMENT USING:

1. THE MOST CURRENT DATA AVAILABLE; AND

(Over)

2.

THE SAME METHODOLOGY SET FORTH IN THE REPORT ENTITLED “ADJUSTING FOR GEOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES IN THE COST OF EDUCATIONAL PROVISION IN MARYLAND (DECEMBER 31, 2003)”.

(II) 1.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE PROPOSED UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS UPDATED.

2.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND LEGISLATION IN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT THAT:

A. CODIFIES THE UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT; AND

B.

REQUIRES THAT THE GCEI ADJUSTMENT BE USED TO ADJUST STATE AID IN THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON JULY 1 OF THAT YEAR.”.