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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program - Grants - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation that grants provided under the Maryland
4 Infants and Toddlers Program are subject to the availability of funds in the
5 State budget; correcting an obsolete reference; and generally relating to the
6 funding of the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 8-416
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 8-416.

16 (a) (1) There is a Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program in the
17 Department.

18 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide a statewide,
19 community-based interagency system of comprehensive early intervention services to
20 eligible infants and toddlers, birth through age 2, and their families.

21 (b) The Department shall be the lead agency for supervising and monitoring
22 the Program.

23 (c) The Program shall include the early intervention services provided or
24 supervised by the Department and the State Departments of Health and Mental
25 Hygiene including the Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants established under Title
26 13, Subtitle 6 of the Health - General Article and Human Resources, and the [Office
27 for Children, Youth, and Families] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

1 (d) The Program shall be administered in accord with the applicable
2 requirements of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and other
3 applicable federal and State laws.

4 (e) An interagency coordinating council shall be appointed by the Governor,
5 with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall:

6 (1) Advise and assist the Department in the supervision and monitoring
7 of the Program; and

8 (2) Submit an annual report to the Governor and the federal
9 government.

10 (f) Local lead agencies shall be established or designated in each county and
11 Baltimore City to administer the Program in their subdivision, under the direction of
12 the Department.

13 (g) (1) In each county, the county executive or county commissioners, as
14 appropriate, or in Baltimore City, the Mayor shall establish a local interagency
15 coordinating council to advise and assist the local lead agency in the development and
16 implementation of policies that constitute the local Program.

17 (2) (i) In each county, the county executive or county commissioners,
18 as appropriate, or in Baltimore City, the Mayor may designate the local management
19 board to serve as the local interagency coordinating council or establish the local
20 interagency coordinating council as a part of that board.

21 (ii) Where a local management board and a local interagency
22 coordinating council coexist, they shall work cooperatively.

23 (h) (1) For fiscal year 2004, the annual per child cost of the Program is
24 \$4,044.

25 (2) For fiscal year 2005 and each succeeding fiscal year, the annual per
26 child cost of the Program shall be the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection
27 increased by the same percentage as the increase in the implicit price deflator for
28 State and local government expenditures, as of July of the second fiscal year
29 preceding the year for which the amount is being calculated.

30 (3) [Subject to the availability of funding for the Program in the State
31 budget, the] THE Department shall distribute a grant to the local lead agency for the
32 Program in each county in an amount equal to the product of:

33 (i) The annual per child cost multiplied by the number of children
34 in the county who received services under the Program in the second fiscal year
35 preceding the year for which the amount is being calculated; and

36 (ii) 1. .05 for fiscal year 2004;

37 2. .10 for fiscal year 2005;

