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By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - Education)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Disruptive Students**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Office for Children, instead of the State  
4 Department of Education, to allocate certain funds to local education agencies  
5 for certain purposes; requiring certain local education agencies to submit certain  
6 proposals for funding certain programs to the Governor's Office for Children;  
7 requiring the local education agencies to submit annually certain information to  
8 the Governor's Office for Children; requiring the Governor's Office for Children  
9 to submit an annual summary of certain reports; and generally relating to  
10 special programs for disruptive students.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Education  
13 Section 7-304  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 7-304.

20 (a) The purpose of this section is to require each county board of education to  
21 provide a continuum model of prevention and intervention activities and programs  
22 that encourage and promote positive behavior and reduce disruption.

23 (b) Each county board of education and the Board of School Commissioners of  
24 Baltimore City shall establish special programs in the county and Baltimore City for  
25 students in the public school system who exhibit disruptive classroom behavior.

26 (c) Two or more county boards may establish special programs for their joint  
27 use.

1 (d) The State shall appropriate an amount of money for allocation by the  
2 [State Department of Education] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN to local  
3 education agencies for schools or clusters of schools to support the development and  
4 expansion of special programs for disruptive youth. Within the resources available,  
5 the [State Superintendent] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN shall award funds  
6 to the local school systems which submit proposals pursuant to the criteria  
7 established in subsection (e) of this section.

8 (e) Each local education agency that is applying for State support for special  
9 programs for disruptive youth shall submit proposals for funding of programs to the  
10 [State Department of Education] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN that include:

11 (1) An assessment of the number of students in each school in need of  
12 special services;

13 (2) Specific plans with goals and measurable objectives for activities and  
14 programs that provide a continuum model for the prevention and intervention of  
15 disruptive student behaviors including but not limited to removal and re-entry  
16 programs necessary for effective learning;

17 (3) Adherence to the State Board regulations on disciplinary policies and  
18 programs and other guidelines established by the State Department of Education;

19 (4) A procedure involving the participation of administrators, teachers,  
20 parents, students, and other members of the community; and

21 (5) In-service training and staff development for administrators,  
22 teachers, and other school personnel.

23 (f) (1) At the end of each fiscal year, each participating local education  
24 agency shall submit a written statement to the [State Department of Education]  
25 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN that describes:

26 (i) The assessment, the educational problems determined, the  
27 overall program developed with goals and procedures, and a yearly evaluation of the  
28 success of the program as provided under the provisions of this section; and

29 (ii) Information regarding the number of students identified as  
30 being habitually truant as provided under the provisions of § 7-302(c) of this subtitle.

31 (2) On or before December 1 of each year, the [State Department of  
32 Education] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN shall submit a summary of the  
33 reports required under this subsection to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the  
34 State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
36 effect July 1, 2006.