

HOUSE BILL 391

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Geographic Cost of Education Index – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide certain grants to certain county
4 boards of education to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that
5 are due to factors outside the control of local jurisdictions; providing for the
6 manner of calculation and distribution of certain grants in certain fiscal years;
7 requiring the State Department of Education to update a certain geographic
8 cost of education index (GCEI) at certain times; requiring the Department to
9 submit a certain proposed GCEI adjustment to the Governor and General
10 Assembly and to recommend certain legislation at certain times; and generally
11 relating to the funding of a geographic cost of education index in the Bridge to
12 Excellence in Public Schools Act.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 5–202(f)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 5–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) (1) In this subsection, “GCEI adjustment” means the foundation
2 program for each county multiplied by:

- 3 (i) 0.000 in Allegany;
- 4 (ii) 0.018 in Anne Arundel;
- 5 (iii) 0.042 in Baltimore City;
- 6 (iv) 0.008 in Baltimore;
- 7 (v) 0.021 in Calvert;
- 8 (vi) 0.000 in Caroline;
- 9 (vii) 0.014 in Carroll;
- 10 (viii) 0.000 in Cecil;
- 11 (ix) 0.020 in Charles;
- 12 (x) 0.000 in Dorchester;
- 13 (xi) 0.024 in Frederick;
- 14 (xii) 0.000 in Garrett;
- 15 (xiii) 0.000 in Harford;
- 16 (xiv) 0.015 in Howard;
- 17 (xv) 0.010 in Kent;
- 18 (xvi) 0.034 in Montgomery;
- 19 (xvii) 0.048 in Prince George’s;
- 20 (xviii) 0.011 in Queen Anne’s;
- 21 (xix) 0.002 in St. Mary’s;
- 22 (xx) 0.000 in Somerset;

- 1 (xxi) 0.000 in Talbot;
- 2 (xxii) 0.000 in Washington;
- 3 (xxiii) 0.000 in Wicomico; and
- 4 (xxiv) 0.000 in Worcester.

5 (2) [To the extent funds are provided in the State budget for the
6 grants under this subsection,] **EACH YEAR**, in addition to the State share of the
7 foundation program, each county board [may] **WITH A GCEI ADJUSTMENT**
8 **GREATER THAN 0.000 SHALL** receive a grant to reflect regional differences in the
9 cost of education that are due to factors outside of the control of the local jurisdiction.

10 (3) [Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the] **THE** amount of
11 the grant to each county board under this subsection shall equal the GCEI adjustment
12 for the county board multiplied times:

- 13 (i) 0.50 in fiscal year [2006] **2008**;
- 14 [(ii) 0.62 in fiscal year 2007;]
- 15 [(iii)] **[II]** 0.74 in fiscal year [2008] **2009**;
- 16 [(iv)] **[III]** 0.86 in fiscal year [2009] **2010**; and
- 17 [(v)] **[IV]** 1.00 in fiscal year [2010] **2011** and each fiscal year
18 thereafter.

19 [(4) For any fiscal year, if sufficient funds are not provided in the State
20 budget to fully fund the grants provided under this subsection, the grant to each
21 county board under this subsection shall equal the amount determined under
22 paragraph (3) of this subsection multiplied by a fraction:

- 23 (i) The numerator of which is the amount provided in the State
24 budget to fund the grants; and
- 25 (ii) The denominator of which is the sum of the amounts
26 calculated under paragraph (3) of this subsection for all the county boards.]

1 (4) (I) BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, AND EVERY 3 YEARS
2 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE GCEI ADJUSTMENT
3 USING:

4 1. THE MOST CURRENT DATA AVAILABLE; AND

5 2. THE SAME METHODOLOGY SET FORTH IN THE
6 REPORT ENTITLED "ADJUSTING FOR GEOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES IN THE COST
7 OF EDUCATIONAL PROVISION IN MARYLAND (DECEMBER 31, 2003)".

8 (II) 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE
9 PROPOSED UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS UPDATED.

11 2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND
12 LEGISLATION IN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF
13 THE UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT THAT:

14 A. CODIFIES THE UPDATED GCEI ADJUSTMENT;
15 AND

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

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2007.