

HOUSE BILL 73

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By: **Delegates Rice, Feldman, Ivey, F. Turner, and Walker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Floating Teacher Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Floating Teacher Pilot Program in certain
4 counties; requiring certain county boards of education to select certain schools
5 to participate in the Pilot Program based on certain criteria; requiring the State
6 Department of Education to reimburse certain county boards for certain
7 expenses; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on or before a
8 certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act;
9 and generally relating to the Floating Teacher Pilot Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–208

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–208.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) “FLOATING TEACHER” MEANS A TEACHER, OTHER THAN A
22 REGULARLY ASSIGNED CLASSROOM TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO ASSIST A STUDENT
23 WHO HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY SCHOOL STAFF TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INSTRUCTION, OTHER THAN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES, TO
2 COMPREHEND MATERIAL PRESENTED IN THE STUDENT'S CLASSROOM.

3 (3) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE FLOATING TEACHER PILOT
4 PROGRAM.

5 (4) "UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL
6 THAT IS NOT MAKING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS OR IS A SCHOOL IN NEED
7 OF IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001
8 AND AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

9 (B) (1) THERE IS A FLOATING TEACHER PILOT PROGRAM.

10 (2) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE
11 2009-2010 AND 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEARS.

12 (3) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE
13 FLOATING TEACHERS TO UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS IN BALTIMORE CITY
14 AND IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES.

15 (C) THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MONTGOMERY
16 COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL EACH SELECT THREE
17 UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

18 (D) EACH SCHOOL SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM
19 SHALL RECEIVE ONE FLOATING TEACHER THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM.

20 (E) THE PRINCIPAL OF EACH SCHOOL SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN
21 THE PILOT PROGRAM, WITH INPUT FROM SCHOOL STAFF, SHALL DETERMINE
22 WHICH STUDENTS SHALL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FROM THE FLOATING
23 TEACHER.

24 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE A COUNTY BOARD THAT
25 PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE COST OF
26 IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December
28 31, 2011, the State Department of Education shall report to the Governor and, in
29 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly
30 regarding the effectiveness of the Floating Teacher Pilot Program.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the
33 end of December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
34 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.