

SENATE BILL 334

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CF HB 965

By: **Senators Madaleno, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kagan, King, Mathias, ~~and Montgomery~~ Montgomery, Currie, Manno, McFadden, and Peters**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition for ~~a~~ certain fiscal ~~year~~ years to determine
4 the number of students used to calculate a certain grant for schools that participate
5 in a certain federal program; requiring the Maryland State Department of
6 Education, in collaboration with certain local school systems, to report to certain
7 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
8 relating to the compensatory education grant for primary and secondary education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 5–207(a)(3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 5–207.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
 2 “compensatory education enrollment count” means the number of students eligible for free
 3 or reduced price meals for the prior fiscal year.

4 (ii) [For fiscal year 2004, “compensatory education enrollment
 5 count” means the greater of:

6 1. The number of students eligible for free or reduced price
 7 meals for the prior fiscal year; or

8 2. The number of students eligible for free or reduced price
 9 meals for the second prior fiscal year] **FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2017~~ YEARS 2017 THROUGH**
 10 **2020, “COMPENSATORY EDUCATION ENROLLMENT COUNT” MEANS:**

11 1. **THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR**
 12 **REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; OR**

13 2. **FOR COUNTY BOARDS THAT PARTICIPATE, IN WHOLE**
 14 **OR IN PART, IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY**
 15 **ELIGIBILITY PROVISION, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EQUAL TO THE GREATER OF:**

16 **A. THE SUM OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN**
 17 **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED BY DIRECT CERTIFICATION FOR THE PRIOR**
 18 **FISCAL YEAR, PLUS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED BY THE INCOME**
 19 **INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FAMILY TO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ON AN**
 20 **ALTERNATIVE FORM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL**
 21 **YEAR, PLUS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE**
 22 **MEALS FROM ANY SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY**
 23 **PROVISION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; OR**

24 **B. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
 25 **PARAGRAPH, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE**
 26 **MEALS AT SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY**
 27 **PROVISION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR, PLUS THE PRODUCT OF THE PERCENTAGE**
 28 **OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS AT PARTICIPATING**
 29 **SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR PRIOR TO OPTING INTO THE UNITED STATES**
 30 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION MULTIPLIED**
 31 **BY THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENROLLMENT.**

32 **(III) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CALCULATION UNDER**
 33 **SUBPARAGRAPH (II)2B OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE**
 34 **COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM DURING THE PILOT YEAR MAY USE THE**
 35 **PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**
 36 **DURING THE PILOT YEAR.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
2 2018, the Maryland State Department of Education, in collaboration with any local school
3 system that opts into the United States Department of Agriculture community eligibility
4 provision, shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House
5 Appropriations Committee, and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance
6 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the impact of this Act on the amount of
7 State aid provided to local school systems.

8 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.