

## Chapter 477

**(Senate Bill 183)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Geographic Cost of Education – Requirement**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain county boards of education receive a certain grant; repealing a certain provision that allowed for the reduction of a grant under certain circumstances; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to education funding in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 5–202(f)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

5–202.

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

- (i) 0.000 in Allegany;
- (ii) 0.018 in Anne Arundel;
- (iii) 0.042 in Baltimore City;
- (iv) 0.008 in Baltimore;
- (v) 0.021 in Calvert;
- (vi) 0.000 in Caroline;
- (vii) 0.014 in Carroll;
- (viii) 0.000 in Cecil;
- (ix) 0.020 in Charles;

- (x) 0.000 in Dorchester;
- (xi) 0.024 in Frederick;
- (xii) 0.000 in Garrett;
- (xiii) 0.000 in Harford;
- (xiv) 0.015 in Howard;
- (xv) 0.010 in Kent;
- (xvi) 0.034 in Montgomery;
- (xvii) 0.048 in Prince George's;
- (xviii) 0.011 in Queen Anne's;
- (xix) 0.002 in St. Mary's;
- (xx) 0.000 in Somerset;
- (xxi) 0.000 in Talbot;
- (xxii) 0.000 in Washington;
- (xxiii) 0.000 in Wicomico; and
- (xxiv) 0.000 in Worcester.

(2) [To the extent funds are provided in the State budget for the grants under this subsection, in] **IN** addition to the State share of the foundation program, each county board [may] **SHALL** receive a grant to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to factors outside of the control of the local jurisdiction.

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

- (i) 0.50 in fiscal year 2006;
- (ii) 0.62 in fiscal year 2007;
- (iii) 0.74 in fiscal year 2008;
- (iv) 0.86 in fiscal year 2009; and

- (v) 1.00 in fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

(i) The numerator of which is the amount provided in the State budget to fund the grants; and

(ii) The denominator of which is the sum of the amounts calculated under paragraph (3) of this subsection for all the county boards.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015 contingent on the fiscal year 2016 operating budget (H.B. 70/Ch. Acts of 2015) including less than 100 percent of the GCEI adjustment grant amount for each county board of education in program R00A02.01 within the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education for the Geographic Cost of Education Index. If 100% of the GCEI adjustment grant amount for each county board of education in program R00A02.01 within the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education for the Geographic Cost of Education Index is provided in the fiscal year 2016 operating budget (H.B. 70/Ch. Acts of 2015), this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2015.**