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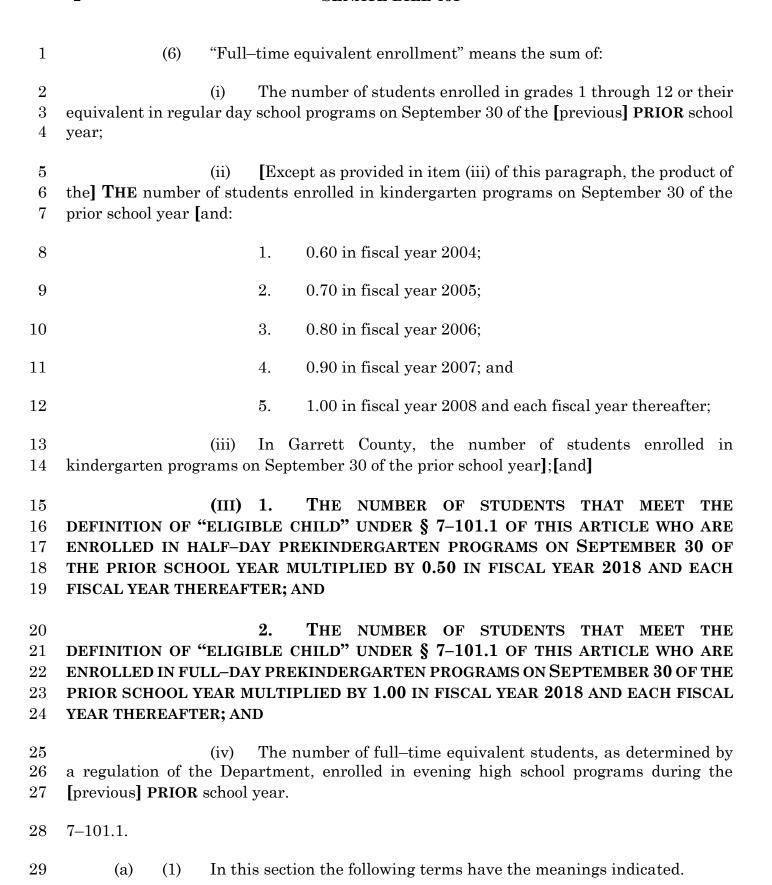
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Education - Prekindergarten Students - Funding
3	FOR the purpose of establishing certain funding for prekindergarten students by altering
4	the definition of full-time equivalent enrollment to include prekindergarten
5	students in the number of students enrolled for purposes of calculating certain State
6	aid formulas for education; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to
7	funding for prekindergarten students.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9	Article – Education
10	Section 5–202(a)(1) and (5) and 7–101.1(a) and (b)
11	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14	Article – Education
15	Section $5-202(a)(6)$
16	Annotated Code of Maryland
$\overline{17}$	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article – Education
21	5-202.
22	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
23	(5) "Foundation program" means the product of the annual per pupil
24	foundation amount and a county's full-time equivalent enrollment.





- 1 (2) "Economically disadvantaged background" means a family whose 2 income would make a child eligible for free or reduced price meals if the child were in 3 kindergarten.
 - (3) "Eligible child" means a child:

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- 5 (i) Who is from an economically disadvantaged background;
- 6 (ii) Whose parent or guardian seeks to enroll the child in a public 7 prekindergarten program; and
- 8 (iii) Who is 4 years old on September 1 of the school year in which the 9 parent or legal guardian seeks to enroll the child in a public prekindergarten program.
- 10 (4) "Eligible for free or reduced price meals" means eligible for free or reduced price meals based on eligibility requirements established by the United States 12 Department of Agriculture.
- 13 (b) By the 2007–2008 school year, all eligible children shall be admitted free of charge to publicly funded prekindergarten programs established by each of the county boards.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.