

# SENATE BILL 181

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Child Care Subsidies – Mandatory Funding Level**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Governor’s required appropriation of certain funds in the  
4 State budget to increase the Child Care Subsidy Program reimbursement to a certain  
5 amount beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Child Care  
6 Subsidy Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 1–101(a) and (f) and 9.5–111(a) and (d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 9.5–111(e)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

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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 1–101.

2 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have  
3 the meanings indicated.

4 (f) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

5 9.5–111.

6 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (2) “Analysis” means the market rate survey or an alternative method  
8 allowable under federal law.

9 (3) “Program” means the Child Care Subsidy Program.

10 (d) The Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation from  
11 all fund sources for the Program that is not less than the total appropriation for the  
12 Program in fiscal year 2018 or fiscal year 2019, whichever is greater.

13 (e) The Governor shall, from all fund sources, appropriate funds in the annual  
14 State budget in an amount sufficient to raise the Program’s reimbursement rates for each  
15 region to:

16 (1) For fiscal year 2020, not less than the 30th percentile of the most recent  
17 market rate survey or its equivalent if an alternative methodology defined by the  
18 Department is used; **AND**

19 (2) For fiscal year 2021 **AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, not less  
20 than the **[45th] 60TH** percentile of the most recent market rate survey or its equivalent if  
21 an alternative methodology defined by the Department is used[; and

22 (3) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than the  
23 60th percentile of the most recent market rate survey or its equivalent if an alternative  
24 methodology defined by the Department is used].

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2019.