HOUSE BILL 1240

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By: Delegates Jacobs, Ghrist, and Arentz Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022 Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

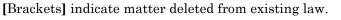
2	Education – Low–Density Calculation – Mandated Funding			
3	FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an			
4	appropriation in an amount equal to the low-density calculation for certain counties			
5	that meet certain population density and full-time equivalent student enrollment			
6	limitations; and generally relating to mandated funding for counties with low density			
7	and a low student enrollment count.			
8	BY adding to			
9	Article – Education			
10	Section 5–243			
11	Annotated Code of Maryland			
12	(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)			
13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,			
14	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
15	Article – Education			

16 5-243.

17**(**A**)** (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 18 INDICATED.

- (2) **"ELIGIBLE COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY WITH:** 19
- A POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT LESS THAN 100; AND **(I)** 2021**(II)** A FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT OF FEWER THAN
- 222,000 STUDENTS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.





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1 (3) "LOW-DENSITY CALCULATION" MEANS THE FULL-TIME 2 EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT FOR A COUNTY MULTIPLIED BY THE PRODUCT OF THE 3 PER PUPIL AMOUNT AND THE TOTAL SQUARE MILES IN THE COUNTY.

4	(4)	"Per	PUPIL AMOUNT" MEANS:
5		(I)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$0.43;
6		(II)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$1.06;
7		(III)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$1.27;
8		(IV)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, \$2.34;
9		(V)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2028, \$3.61;
10		(VI)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$4.67;
11		(VII)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$5.95;
12		(VIII)	IN FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$7.22; AND
13 14	FOR THE PRIOR	. ,	FOR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, THE PER PUPIL AMOUNT YEAR INCREASED BY \$0.85.
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	(5) POPULATION DIV		PULATION DENSITY AMOUNT" MEANS THE TOTAL COUNTY BY THE SQUARE MILES IN THE COUNTY.
17 18 19	GOVERNOR SHA	LL INC	G IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, FOR EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY, THE LUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION IN THE LOW-DENSITY CALCULATION FOR THE COUNTY.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 21 1, 2022.