A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment Count – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on certain days of the prior school year; and generally relating to the calculation of State aid for primary and secondary education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–201(a), (e), (f), and (t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–201(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

5–201.
(a) In this subtitle, except as otherwise provided, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “Enrollment count” means the greater of:

(1) The full–time equivalent enrollment; or

(2) The 3–year moving average enrollment.

(f) “Foundation program” means the product of the annual per pupil foundation amount and a county’s enrollment count.

(g) “Full–time equivalent enrollment” means the sum of:

(1) The AVERAGE number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 or their equivalent in regular day school programs on September 30, DECEMBER 31, MARCH 31, AND THE LAST DAY of the prior school year;

(2) The number of full–time equivalent students, as determined by a regulation of the Department, enrolled in evening high school programs during the prior school year; and

(3) The number of P–TECH students, as provided in § 7–1804(b) of this article.

(t) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, “3–year moving average enrollment” means the average of the full–time equivalent enrollment in the 3 prior school years.

(2) If the 3 prior school years includes the 2020–2021 school year, “3–year moving average enrollment” means:

(i) The sum of the full–time equivalent enrollment for the 4 prior school years minus the 2020–2021 school year full–time equivalent enrollment; divided by three.

(2) If the 3 prior school years includes the 2020–2021 school year, “3–year moving average enrollment” means:

(i) The sum of the full–time equivalent enrollment for the 4 prior school years minus the 2020–2021 school year full–time equivalent enrollment; divided by three.

(ii) Three.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022, and shall be applicable to the calculation of education funding for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2023.