

SENATE BILL 986

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CF HB 1240

By: Senator Hershey

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2022

Assigned to: Rules

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.

19 (2) “**ELIGIBLE COUNTY**” MEANS A COUNTY WITH:

20 (I) A POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT LESS THAN 100; AND

21 (II) A FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT OF FEWER THAN
22 2,000 STUDENTS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) "LOW-DENSITY CALCULATION" MEANS THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT FOR A COUNTY MULTIPLIED BY THE PRODUCT OF THE 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;

(VI) IN FISCAL YEAR 2029, \$4.67;

(vii) IN FISCAL YEAR 2030, \$5.95;

(viii) IN FISCAL YEAR 2031, \$7.22; AND

17 (B) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, FOR EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY, THE
18 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION IN
19 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 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.