SENATE BILL 869

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By: Senator Ferguson

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Primary and Secondary Education – Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program – Eligibility
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of altering, for certain fiscal years, certain concentration of poverty levels required for certain eligible schools to receive certain personnel and per pupil grants under the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program; and generally relating to the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 5–223(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume)
13 14 15 16 17	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Education Section 5–223(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume)
18 19 20 21 22 23	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Education Section 5–223(c)(1) and (d) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume) (As enacted by Chapter 55 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)
24 25	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

Article - Education

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1	5–223.				
2	(a)	(1)	In thi	is secti	on the following words have the meanings indicated.
3 4	article.	(2)	"Com	munity	y school" means a community school under Title 9.9 of this
5 6 7				level	ot as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, means the average percentage of eligible students of the for school years rounded to the nearest whole percent.
8 9	"concentrat	ion of 1	(ii) poverty		a 3 prior school years includes the 2020–2021 school year, means:
10 11 12	school's enro			_	The sum of the percentage of eligible students of the or school years minus the 2020–2021 school year percentage
13				2.	Three; and
14				3.	Rounded to the nearest whole percent.
15		(4)	(i)	"Eligi	ble school" means:
16 17	charter scho	ool, wi	th a cor	1. ncentra	For the personnel grant, a public school, including a public ation of poverty level of:
18				A.	For fiscal year 2020, at least 80%;
19				В.	For fiscal year 2021, at least 75%;
20				C.	For fiscal year 2022, at least 70%;
21				D.	For fiscal year 2023, at least 65%; AND
22 23	THEREAFT	ER, at	least [E. 60%] 5	For fiscal year 2024, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR 55%; and
$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}$	least 55%; a	and]		[F.	For fiscal year 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at
26 27	charter scho	ool, wi	th a cor	2. ncentra	For the per pupil grant, a public school, including a public ation of poverty level of:

For fiscal year 2022, at least 80%;

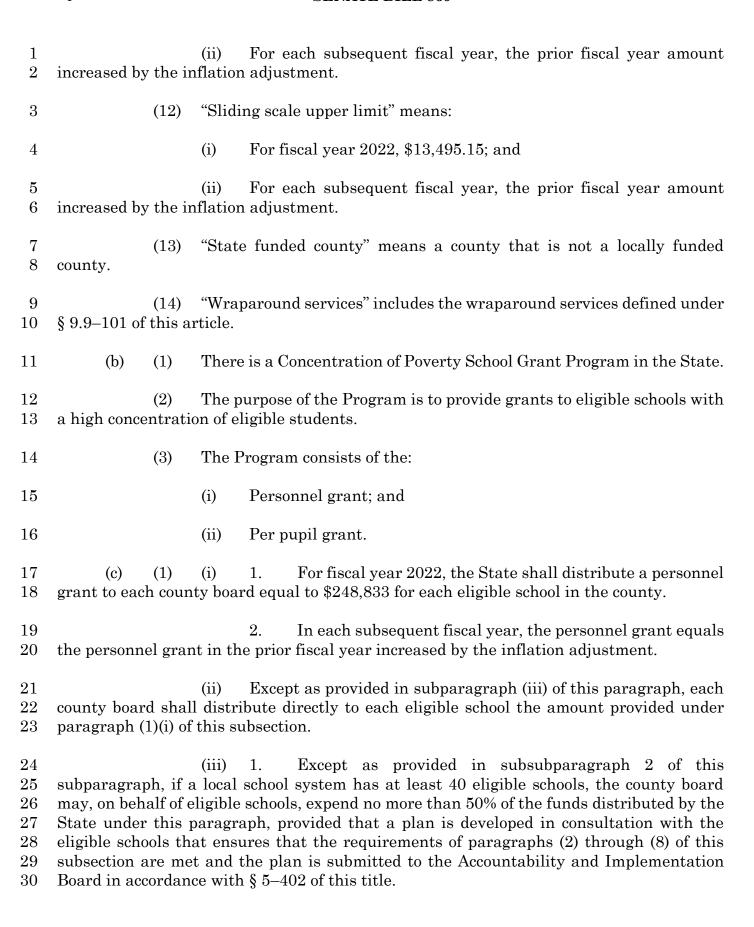
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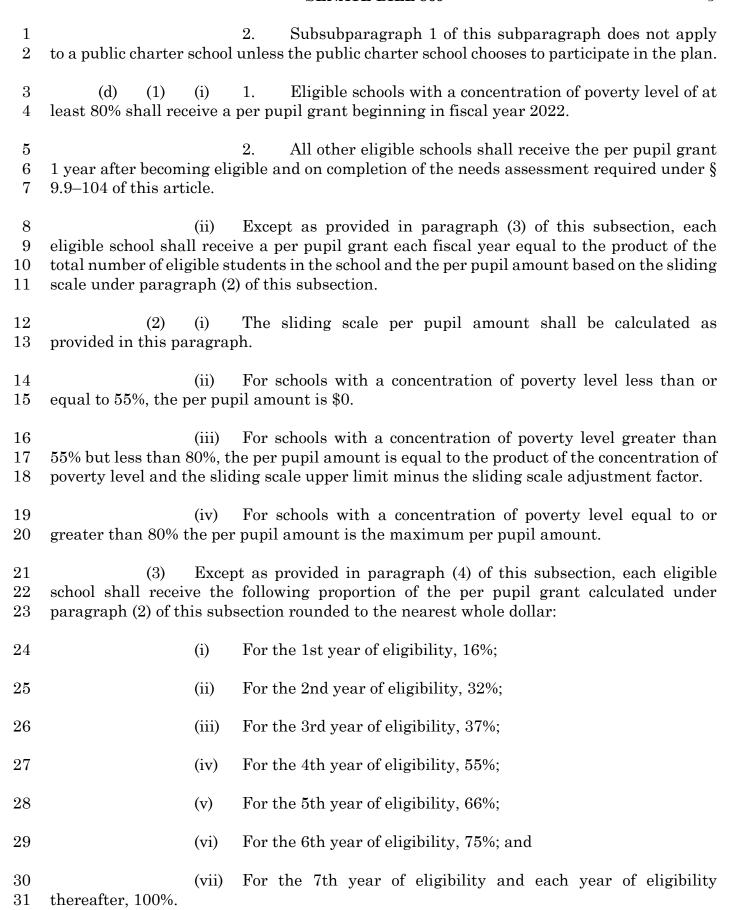
1	B. For fiscal year 2023, at least 75%;
2	C. For fiscal year 2024, at least [70%] 65 %;
3	D. For fiscal year 2025, at least [65%] 60% ; AND
4 5	E. For fiscal year 2026, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, at least [60%; and
6 7	F. For fiscal year 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least] 55%.
8 9 10 11	(ii) "Eligible school" includes an alternative option program in the local school system if the students in the program are not included in the count of eligible students for another program or school to determine eligibility for the concentration of poverty grant.
12 13	(iii) "Eligible school" does not include a school that is eligible to receive funding under this section but has closed.
14 15 16	(5) "Eligible student" means the compensatory education enrollment as defined in \S 5–222 of this subtitle in the second prior fiscal year rounded to the nearest whole number.
17 18	(6) "Locally funded county" means a county board that receives a compensatory education State share under § 5–221(c)(2) of this subtitle.
19 20	(7) "Needs assessment" means the assessment completed under $\S~9.5-104$ of this article.
21 22 23	(8) "Per pupil grant amount" means, for all eligible schools in the county, the per pupil amount for each eligible school calculated under subsection (d) of this section multiplied by the number of eligible students in the school.
24	(9) "Per pupil maximum amount" means:
25	(i) For fiscal year 2022, \$3,374.48; and
26 27	(ii) For each subsequent fiscal year, the prior fiscal year amount increased by the inflation adjustment.
28 29	(10) "Program" means the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program established under this section.
30	(11) "Sliding scale adjustment factor" means:

For fiscal year 2022, \$7,422.33; and

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- 1 (4) Beginning in fiscal year 2030, each eligible school shall receive 100% of the per pupil grant calculated under paragraph (2) of this subsection rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
- 4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $5\,$ $\,$ 1, 2023.