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BY: Senator Bailey

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 429
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “years;” insert “freezing certain education funding formula amounts at the fiscal year 2026 level and freezing certain obligations of local school systems under the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future at the fiscal year 2026 level; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to develop and the State Board of Education to approve certain metrics to measure student outcomes that are directly related to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future;”.

On page 2, in line 30, after “Section” insert “5-203.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 9, insert:

“5-203.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SUM OF THE STATE AND LOCAL SHARES OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS SHALL BE FROZEN AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LEVEL:

(1) THE TARGET PER PUPIL FOUNDATION AMOUNT UNDER § 5-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) THE COLLABORATIVE TIME PER PUPIL AMOUNT UNDER § 5-213 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(3) THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION PER PUPIL AMOUNT UNDER § 5-222 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) THE ENGLISH LEARNER PER PUPIL AMOUNT UNDER § 5-224 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(5) THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PER PUPIL AMOUNT UNDER § 5-225 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE OBLIGATIONS OF LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE SHALL BE FROZEN AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LEVEL.

(C) (1) (I) THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD SHALL DEVELOP METRICS TO MEASURE STUDENT OUTCOMES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE.

(II) THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD SHALL SUBMIT THE METRICS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

(2) (I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE METRICS SUBMITTED BY THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE METRICS ARE AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF STUDENT OUTCOMES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE.

(II) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE METRICS ARE NOT AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF STUDENT OUTCOMES, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DIRECT THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD TO REVISE THE METRICS AND SUBMIT REVISED METRICS TO THE STATE BOARD.

(3) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT METRICS SUBMITTED BY THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ARE AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF STUDENT OUTCOMES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DIRECT EACH COUNTY BOARD TO:

(I) USE THE METRICS TO MEASURE STUDENT OUTCOMES BEGINNING IN THE SCHOOL YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE METRICS BY THE STATE BOARD; AND

(II) SUBMIT THE STUDENT OUTCOME RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR.

(D) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SHOWED IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT INCLUDES:

(1) AN ANALYSIS OF STUDENT OUTCOMES; AND

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER THE SUM OF THE STATE AND LOCAL SHARES OF THE AMOUNTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS RELATED TO

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THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE SHOULD BE INCREASED ABOVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 LEVEL.