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## HOUSE BILL 717 Education - Technology Resources - Funding (Guyton)

### STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

**DATE: March 11, 2021**

**COMMITTEE: House Appropriations**

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** SB 717 increases the FY 2022 target per pupil foundation of \$7,390 by \$180 for technology resources; and requires county boards of education to use not less than 7% of the target per pupil foundation amount to provide: laptops and other devices; internet connectivity; technical assistance; and information technology software.

**EXPLANATION:** SB 717 increases the State Share of Aid to Education by \$127 million in FY 2022. Education Article 5-202 (13) defines the "target per pupil foundation amount", as the "target per pupil foundation amount for the prior fiscal year", subject to inflation, and subject to certain specific years for which specific amounts are provided for in the statute. The legislation adds the specific amounts of \$180 to the \$7,390 amount for FY 2022.

This new baseline amount is used in calculating the FY 2023 appropriation. The effect is increased State aid to education in subsequent fiscal years, including \$136 million in FY 2023, \$141 million in FY 2024, \$147 million in FY 2025, and \$152 million in FY 2026. Likewise, funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf would increase approximately \$630,000 to \$680,000 each fiscal year from FY 2022 to FY 2026.

This additional State aid to education does not take into account funding increases associated with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan).

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