

SENATE BILL 495

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – State Aid – Grant to Limit Decreases in Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide a certain grant to a county board of
4 education if certain funding provided to a county board decreases by a certain
5 amount; requiring a certain study to include a certain impact; defining certain
6 terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to State
7 aid for education.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Education

10 Section 5–202(f), (g), and (h), respectively

11 to be Section 5–202(g), (h), and (i), respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 5–202(f)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5–202(f), (g), and (h), respectively, of Article – Education
21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–202(g), (h), and
22 (i), respectively.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
24 read as follows:

25 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 5-202.

2 (F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID"
3 MEANS THE TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE STATE TO A
4 COUNTY BOARD UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

5 (I) FUNDING FOR THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM INCLUDING
6 FUNDS FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC COST OF EDUCATION UNDER THIS SECTION;

7 (II) TRANSPORTATION AID UNDER § 5-205 OF THIS
8 SUBTITLE;

9 (III) FUNDING FOR COMPENSATORY EDUCATION UNDER §
10 5-207 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

11 (IV) FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH
12 PROFICIENCY UNDER § 5-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

13 (V) FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS UNDER §
14 5-209 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

15 (VI) FUNDING FOR THE GUARANTEED TAX BASE PROGRAM
16 UNDER § 5-210 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

17 (VII) FUNDING FOR GRANTS PROVIDED UNDER THIS
18 SUBSECTION.

19 (2) IF A COUNTY BOARD'S TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID IN THE
20 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BY MORE THAN
21 7%, THEN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD IN AN
22 AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT A DECREASE IN TOTAL DIRECT
23 EDUCATION AID IS NOT MORE THAN 7%.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, when the Maryland
25 State Department of Education issues a contract to conduct a study of the adequacy of
26 education funding in the State as required by Chapter 288 of 2002, the study shall
27 include the impact on State funding of declining enrollments in local school systems
28 with small enrollments.

29 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30,
31 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.