

SENATE BILL 586

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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 in certain fiscal years if certain funding provided to a county board
5 decreases by a certain amount; requiring a certain study to include a certain
6 impact; and generally relating to State aid for education.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 5–202(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 5–202.

16 (i) (1) In this subsection, “total direct education aid” means the total
17 financial assistance provided by the State to a county board under the following
18 programs:

19 (i) Funding for the foundation program including funds for the
20 Geographic Cost of Education under this section;

21 (ii) Transportation aid under § 5–205 of this subtitle;

22 (iii) Funding for compensatory education under § 5–207 of this
23 subtitle;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) Funding for students with limited English proficiency under
2 § 5–208 of this subtitle;

3 (v) Funding for special education students under § 5–209 of this
4 subtitle;

5 (vi) Funding for the guaranteed tax base program under § 5–210
6 of this subtitle; and

7 (vii) Funding for grants provided under this subsection.

8 (2) For fiscal [year 2012] **YEARS 2013 THROUGH 2015** only, if a
9 county board's total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than the prior
10 fiscal year by more than [6.5%] **5%**, then the State shall provide a grant to the county
11 board in an amount necessary to ensure that a decrease in total direct education aid is
12 not more than [6.5%] **5%**.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, when the Maryland
14 State Department of Education issues a contract to conduct a study of the adequacy of
15 education funding in the State as required by Chapter 288 of 2002, the study shall
16 include the impact on State funding of declining enrollments in local school systems
17 with small enrollments.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2012.