

HOUSE BILL 684

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Grant for Declining Education Aid**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the criteria for a county board of education to be eligible
4 to receive a certain State grant in a certain fiscal year; specifying the calculation of
5 a certain amount in a certain year for a certain purpose; and generally relating to
6 State education aid.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 5–202(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 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 financial
17 assistance provided by the State to a county board under the following programs:

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

(vii) Funding for grants provided under this subsection.

(2) For fiscal year 2012 only, if a county board's total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than the prior fiscal year by more than 6.5%, then the State shall provide a grant to the county board in an amount necessary to ensure that a decrease in total direct education aid is not more than 6.5%.

(3) For fiscal year 2013 only, if a county board's total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than the prior fiscal year by more than 5%, then the State shall provide a grant to the county board in an amount necessary to ensure that a decrease in total direct education aid is not more than 5%.

(4) For fiscal year 2014 only, if a county board's total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than the prior fiscal year by more than 1%, then the State shall provide a grant to the county board equal to 25% of the decrease in total direct education aid from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year.

(5) (i) For fiscal years 2015 through 2017, a county board is eligible for a State grant under this paragraph if a county board's:

1. Full-time equivalent enrollment is less than 5,000;

2. Full-time equivalent enrollment in the current fiscal year is less than the prior fiscal year; and

3. Total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than the prior fiscal year by more than 1%.

(ii) The State shall provide a grant to a county board that is eligible under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(iii) The grant shall be equal to 50% of the decrease in total direct education aid from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year.

(6) (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, A COUNTY BOARD IS ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE GRANT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IF A COUNTY BOARD'S:

1. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; AND

2. TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BY MORE THAN 1%.

(II) THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO A COUNTY BOARD THAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III) THE GRANT SHALL BE EQUAL TO 50% OF THE DECREASE IN TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the following amounts shall be included in the fiscal year 2017 total direct education aid calculation under § 5-202(i) of the Education Article to determine eligibility for and amount of the grant for fiscal 2018:

(1) Baltimore City – \$12,674,305;

(2) Calvert County – \$1,090,580;

(3) Carroll County – \$4,000,000;

(4) Garrett County – \$1,300,000; and

(5) Kent County – \$300,000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.