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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Prekindergarten Students – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain funding for prekindergarten students by altering
4 the definition of full-time equivalent enrollment to include prekindergarten
5 students in the number of students enrolled for purposes of calculating certain State
6 aid formulas for education; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to
7 funding for prekindergarten students.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 5–202(a)(1) and (5) and 7–101.1(a) and (b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 5–202(a)(6)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 5–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (5) "Foundation program" means the product of the annual per pupil
3 foundation amount and a county's full-time equivalent enrollment.

4 (6) "Full-time equivalent enrollment" means the sum of:

5 (i) The number of students enrolled in grades 1 through 12 or their
6 equivalent in regular day school programs on September 30 of the [previous] **PRIOR** school
7 year;

8 (ii) [Except as provided in item (iii) of this paragraph, the product of
9 the] **THE** number of students enrolled in kindergarten programs on September 30 of the
10 prior school year [and:

11 1. 0.60 in fiscal year 2004;

12 2. 0.70 in fiscal year 2005;

13 3. 0.80 in fiscal year 2006;

14 4. 0.90 in fiscal year 2007; and

15 5. 1.00 in fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter;

16 (iii) In Garrett County, the number of students enrolled in
17 kindergarten programs on September 30 of the prior school year];[and]

18 **(III) 1. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT MEET THE**
19 **DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE CHILD" UNDER § 7-101.1 OF THIS ARTICLE WHO ARE**
20 **ENROLLED IN HALF-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF**
21 **THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR MULTIPLIED BY 0.50 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH**
22 **FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER; AND**

23 **2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT MEET THE**
24 **DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE CHILD" UNDER § 7-101.1 OF THIS ARTICLE WHO ARE**
25 **ENROLLED IN FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE**
26 **PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR MULTIPLIED BY 1.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL**
27 **YEAR THEREAFTER; AND**

28 (iv) The number of full-time equivalent students, as determined by
29 a regulation of the Department, enrolled in evening high school programs during the
30 [previous] **PRIOR** school year.

31 7-101.1.

1 (a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

2 (2) “Economically disadvantaged background” means a family whose
3 income would make a child eligible for free or reduced price meals if the child were in
4 kindergarten.

5 (3) “Eligible child” means a child:

6 (i) Who is from an economically disadvantaged background;

7 (ii) Whose parent or guardian seeks to enroll the child in a public
8 prekindergarten program; and

9 (iii) Who is 4 years old on September 1 of the school year in which the
10 parent or legal guardian seeks to enroll the child in a public prekindergarten program.

11 (4) “Eligible for free or reduced price meals” means eligible for free or
12 reduced price meals based on eligibility requirements established by the United States
13 Department of Agriculture.

14 (b) By the 2007–2008 school year, all eligible children shall be admitted free of
15 charge to publicly funded prekindergarten programs established by each of the county
16 boards.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2016.