

SENATE BILL 181

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Washington, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Child Care Subsidies – Mandatory Funding Level**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Governor’s required appropriation of certain funds in the
4 State budget to increase the Child Care Subsidy Program reimbursement to a certain
5 amount beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Child Care
6 Subsidy Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 1–101(a) and (f) and 9.5–111(a) and (d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 9.5–111(e)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 1–101.

21 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have
22 the meanings indicated.

23 (f) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 9.5–111.

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

3 (2) “Analysis” means the market rate survey or an alternative method
4 allowable under federal law.

5 (3) “Program” means the Child Care Subsidy Program.

6 (d) The Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation from
7 all fund sources for the Program that is not less than the total appropriation for the
8 Program in fiscal year 2018 or fiscal year 2019, whichever is greater.

9 (e) The Governor shall, from all fund sources, appropriate funds in the annual
10 State budget in an amount sufficient to raise the Program’s reimbursement rates for each
11 region to:

12 (1) For fiscal year 2020, not less than the 30th percentile of the most recent
13 market rate survey or its equivalent if an alternative methodology defined by the
14 Department is used; **AND**

15 (2) For fiscal year 2021 **AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, not less
16 than the [45th] **60TH** percentile of the most recent market rate survey or its equivalent if
17 an alternative methodology defined by the Department is used[; and

18 (3) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than the
19 60th percentile of the most recent market rate survey or its equivalent if an alternative
20 methodology defined by the Department is used].

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.