

~~government, community organizations, and adult education providers to study the issue and provide advice on a funding formula; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Stepping Up to the Future, the final report of the Superintendent's Panel on Excellence in Adult Education recommended a funding formula; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has endorsed the report and recommendations of the Superintendent's Panel on Excellence in Adult Education, including the funding formula; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There is a documented economic return on investment from adult education and literacy services from increased wages for adult education students equivalent to 18% to 25% of minimum wage within 18 months of exit from services; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Dropouts who earn a high school diploma can increase their wages by \$7,000 annually; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Adult education and literacy services help break the intergenerational cycle of low achievement since the literacy level of a parent is the best predictor of a child's literacy level; and~~

~~WHEREAS, A funding formula for adult education and literacy services will help establish an adequate foundation for services to reach more of the target population and to ensure that students achieve results; now, therefore;~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-218 of Article Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.~~

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

~~Article Education~~

~~5-218.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) "ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A GRANTEE SELECTED BY A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(3) "BASE PER FULL TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AMOUNT" MEANS:~~

~~(I) \$1,803 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007; AND~~

~~(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER:~~

~~1. THE BASE PER FULL TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AMOUNT FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR INCREASED BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE INCREASE IN THE IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; OR~~