

General Fund Appropriation	10,383,189	
	<u>7,528,189</u>	
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Federal Fund Appropriation	6,758,437	17,141,626
		<u>14,286,626</u>
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It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland State Department of Education attempt to expand the Maryland's Tomorrow program to middle schools to the greatest extent possible without decreasing services to students currently in the program or jeopardizing federal funds. The department shall report back to the budget committees by October 1, 1993 on a new evaluation plan that will enable the department and the General Assembly to determine the effectiveness of the program before appropriating funds in future fiscal years. The plan should provide for an evaluation of the effectiveness of local programs to the greatest extent possible.

The budget committees are concerned about the cost and effectiveness of the Maryland's Tomorrow program and believe that it is more appropriate to provide drop out prevention services at the middle school level. The General Assembly urges the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to pursue a waiver or some form of relief from the federal government to allow for the application of federal funds to programs serving students under the age of 14. The Maryland State Department of Education shall report to the budget committees on an evaluation plan for the Maryland's Tomorrow Program. The plan should be based upon the Maryland School Performance Program, to the greatest extent practicable, and establish the following:

- (1) Performance outcome goals for the Maryland's Tomorrow Program which