

MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~if the Maryland State Department of Education has not reported by January 31, 1996, that the Baltimore City Public Schools has made substantial progress toward implementing the Towers Perrin/Cresap recommendations, including implementing a merit based, systemwide personnel evaluation system, for Fiscal Year 1996 only, the State share of basic current expenses as provided under § 5-202(b) of the Education Article for the City of Baltimore shall be reduced by \$5,873,943, and the corresponding reduction in this appropriation for the State share of basic current expenses is hereby authorized, ratified, and sanctioned~~ \$5,873,943 shall be withheld from the City of Baltimore until the Baltimore City Public Schools reduces by 5% for the final quarter of Fiscal Year 1996 the salaries of the Baltimore City Public Schools administrators identified in the MGT report submitted in January 1996, as responsible for not fully implementing 36 Cresap management reform recommendations, and provides evidence of this action to the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~if the State share of basic current expenses for the City of Baltimore is reduced in accordance with Section 1 of this Act, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the City of Baltimore reduce by \$5,873,943 the budget for salaries, wages, and benefits classified as expenditures for administration for the Baltimore City Public Schools. once the condition set forth in Section 1 of this Act is met, the \$5,873,943 shall be released to the City of Baltimore and shall only be spent to:~~

(1) restore to each school the \$30 per student systemwide reduction made during the 1995/1996 school year, which shall be verified through the submission of supporting documentation by the City of Baltimore to the State Board of Education; and

(2) improve the performance of Baltimore City Public Schools students by offering school improvement team and professional staff development programs and by purchasing additional instructional materials, subject to the approval by the Maryland State Department of Education of a detailed plan submitted by the City of Baltimore for these expenditures.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no portion of the \$5,873,943 shall revert to the State General Fund.

SECTION 3. ~~4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect April 15, 1996.

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 653.

This bill authorizes recounts in general and special elections by specifying that a petition