

provided, that \$2,000,000 of this appropriation is to be used by the Baltimore City School System to begin to attain Baltimore City public school teacher salary parity with the salaries of Baltimore County public school teachers.

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Further provided that \$10,000,000 of this appropriation for the City of Baltimore to operate the public schools is contingent upon the creation and progress in implementation of a City-State Partnership to manage the Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) on a temporary basis. The Partnership agreement shall be designed to achieve the goals of increasing student achievement and correcting management deficiencies in the BCPS. The Partnership agreement shall be structured to: promote collaboration; articulate reasonable expectations; create accountability; allow for independent monitoring; maximize limited resources; facilitate reform; focus on key areas; and fulfill the BCPS' educational mission. Every aspect of the Partnership agreement shall be student-centered.

Further provided that \$2 million of this appropriation for teacher salary parity is contingent upon the implementation of a merit based, system wide teacher evaluation system, as approved by the Partnership and reviewed and commented upon by the State Board of Education. The funds shall be released after the budget committees receive a request from the Partnership for release of the funds accompanied by a report on the establishment of the Partnership, the progress in implementing the Partnership goals, and implementation of a merit based, system wide teacher evaluation system. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date the report is received for review and comment.