

Teacher Salary Challenge Program established under § 5-213 of the Education Article; and (2) Section 4 of this Act. In fiscal year 2001, the Governor may transfer funds by budget amendment from the Cigarette Restitution Fund to the Transitional Education Fund created under this Act as necessary to fund the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program in fiscal year 2001.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include in the State budget for fiscal year 2001 an appropriation of at least \$19.5 million to fund the Maryland Academic Intervention and Support Program established under § 7-208 of the Education Article as enacted by this Act. In fiscal year 2002, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation of \$19.5 million to fund the Program.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the fiscal year 2001 appropriation for the transitional component established under § 5-213(d)(6) of the Education Article is less than \$9 million, the Governor shall include an appropriation of at least \$9 million for the transitional component for fiscal year 2002 allocated as provided under § 5-213(d)(6) of the Education Article.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-208(b)(4) and (g) of the Education Article, in fiscal year 2001, from the amount appropriated for the Maryland Academic Intervention and Support Program, the State Board shall distribute \$70,000 to each county board to cover start-up costs associated with implementing the program.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-317(d) and (g) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in fiscal year 2001, the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may be used to fund the implementation of: (i) the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program established under § 5-213 of the Education Article; (ii) Section 4 of this Act; and (iii) Section 5 of this Act. In fiscal year 2001 and 2002, the Governor may transfer or appropriate funds by budget amendment or otherwise from the Cigarette Restitution Fund: (i) to the Transitional Education Fund created under this Act as necessary to fund the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program in fiscal years 2001 and 2002; and (ii) to support the expenditures required under Sections 4 and 5 of this Act in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$19.5 million of the funds credited in fiscal year 2001 to the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may only be used to fund the Maryland Academic Intervention and Support Program established under § 7-208 of the Education Article as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 6- 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 18, 2000.