

(iii) Shall select a proposal for implementation by November 15 of each year, giving priority to:

1. Proposals for diverse areas of the State; and
2. Proposals for schools that show the lowest levels of improvement towards meeting the standards of the Maryland School Performance Program.

(4) After the State Board selects a proposal of a county board, the State Board shall distribute to a county board funds to cover the cost of extending the contracts of participating teachers to implement and operate the Pilot Program.

(e) (1) A county board may include in a proposal:

- (i) Curriculum and activities that are for the benefit of students in any grade from kindergarten through grade 12;
- (ii) Curriculum and activities that use school facilities, libraries, or any other facilities at a location described in the proposal;
- (iii) Curriculum and activities that are implemented for a school, for a group of schools, for a school system, or countywide;
- (iv) Curriculum and activities that are coordinated with an after school opportunity program operating under Article 41, Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the Code;
- (v) Tutoring in subjects specified in the proposal; or
- (vi) Field trips to locations described in the proposal.

(2) A county board shall include in a proposal the estimated cost of extending the contracts of participating teachers.

(f) (1) The Pilot Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget.

(2) The funding provided in the State budget for the Pilot Program is intended to complement the funding received by the State from the U.S. Department of Education for the Pilot Program through the fund for the improvement of education.

(3) Appropriations made under this section for extending the contracts of participating teachers may not be used to supplant the existing State share of basic current expenses under § 5-202 of this subtitle.

(g) The State Board shall adopt regulations to:

- (1) Establish criteria for approving a proposal; and
- (2) Implement this section.

(h) (1) On or before June 30, 2002, the State Superintendent shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the operation and performance of the Pilot Program.