

1. A percentage equal to that percentage of the [expenditure for basic current expenses] THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM that the State pays to the petitioning jurisdiction under § 5-202(b) of this article up to a maximum of 70 percent; or

2. 50 percent.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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[(g) Kindergarten programs are not subject to the requirements of § 7-103(a) of this title relating to minimum days or hours of operation.]

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 420 of the Acts of 2001~~

~~SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act reflect the terms of the consent decrees entered in the cases "Bradford, et al v. Maryland State Board of Education, et al", case no. 94340058/CE189672; "Board of School Commissioners, et al v. Maryland State Board of Education, et al", case no. 9528055/CL2002151, Baltimore City Circuit Court; and "Vaughn C., et al v. Mayor and City Council, et al", case no. MJG-84-1911, United States District Court for the District of Maryland and reflect a commitment to appropriate additional funds for the Baltimore City public schools in the following amounts: \$20 million in Fiscal Year 1998 and \$50 million in each of Fiscal Years 1999 through 2002, inclusive. [For fiscal year 2003, the Governor shall continue the commitment to appropriate \$50 million in additional funds for the Baltimore City public schools.]~~

~~SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

~~20-2. Abrogation Provisions:~~

(a) [(1) Subsection (c) of this section] ~~SECTION 20 OF THIS ACT shall remain in effect until June 30, 2002, after which it shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect without further action by the General Assembly.~~

[(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, this section shall remain in effect until June 30, 2003, after which it shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect with no further action required by the General Assembly.]

~~20-3. Additional funding:~~

~~(a) New Targeted Poverty Program:~~

~~The following funds shall be provided for the New Targeted Poverty Program beginning with the Fiscal Year 1998 State budget:~~