

coordinating council to advise and assist the local lead agency in the development and implementation of policies that constitute the local [early intervention system] PROGRAM.

(2) (i) In each county, the county executive or county commissioners, as appropriate, or in Baltimore City, the Mayor may designate the local management board to serve as the local interagency coordinating council or establish the local interagency coordinating council as a part of that board.

(ii) Where a local management board and a local interagency coordinating council coexist, they shall work cooperatively.

(H) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004, THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST OF THE PROGRAM IS \$4,044.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE THE AMOUNT IN ~~SUBSECTION (G)(1) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~ INCREASED BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE INCREASE IN THE IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES, AS OF JULY OF THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED.

~~(3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE A GRANT TO THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO 20% OF THE PRODUCT OF:~~

~~(i) THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST; AND~~

~~(ii) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY WHO RECEIVED SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM IN THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED.~~

~~(4) (i) THE FUNDING FORMULA PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE GRANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(ii) PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

(3) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE A GRANT TO THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF:

(i) THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY WHO RECEIVED SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM IN THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED; AND