

~~(4) targeting financial incentives to the recruitment and retention of teachers and school administrators.~~

~~(b) The State Department of Education shall provide a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year 2003 an appropriation of at least \$2,730,000 for the Maryland Professional Development Program in § 6-801 of the Education Article as enacted in this Act.~~

SECTION 4. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year 2003 an appropriation of at least \$476,000 in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in this Act, for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to ~~every~~ 10th grade ~~student~~ students in the State. The Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget for fiscal year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in this Act.

SECTION ~~5.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(a) The K-16 Leadership Council shall be formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the State Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary of Higher Education, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and private colleges and universities.

(b) ~~If funding is provided in the State budget, the~~ The K-16 Leadership Council shall ~~establish~~ study and plan for the establishment of the K-16 Research and Development Institute and the Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational Statistics.

SECTION ~~6.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the State Department of Education develop, in conjunction with the Professional Standards and Teacher in Teaching Education Board, a certificate for middle school teachers.

~~SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include sufficient funds in the State budget of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide awards to all students eligible for need based programs under §§ 18-301, 18-706(d), 18-1401, 18-1501, and 18-2601 of the Education Article and § 13-613(d)(1) of the Transportation Article.~~

SECTION ~~8.~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(a) The College Readiness Outreach Program established in § 18-303.1 of the Education Article in this Act be implemented over a 5-year period beginning in fiscal ~~2003~~ 2004, to the extent that funds are available;