

- (ii) 3% for Baltimore City;
- (iii) 3% for Howard County; and
- (iv) 4% for Montgomery County.

(2) For fiscal year 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter, the State share of the foundation program shall be adjusted to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to factors outside the control of local jurisdictions.

(3) The Department shall contract with a private entity to conduct a study to:

(i) Develop a Maryland specific geographic cost of education index to be implemented no later than fiscal year 2005; and

(ii) Provide recommendations as to how the index should be used to adjust State education funding.]

(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "GCEI ADJUSTMENT" MEANS THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM FOR EACH COUNTY MULTIPLIED BY:

- (I) 0.000 IN ALLEGANY;
- (II) 0.018 IN ANNE ARUNDEL;
- (III) 0.042 IN BALTIMORE CITY;
- (IV) 0.008 IN BALTIMORE;
- (V) 0.021 IN CALVERT;
- (VI) 0.000 IN CAROLINE;
- (VII) 0.014 IN CARROLL;
- (VIII) 0.000 IN CECIL;
- (IX) 0.020 IN CHARLES;
- (X) 0.000 IN DORCHESTER;
- (XI) 0.024 IN FREDERICK;
- (XII) 0.000 IN GARRETT;
- (XIII) 0.000 IN HARFORD;
- (XIV) 0.015 IN HOWARD;
- (XV) 0.010 IN KENT;
- (XVI) 0.034 IN MONTGOMERY;
- (XVII) 0.048 IN PRINCE GEORGE'S;
- (XVIII) 0.011 IN QUEEN ANNE'S;