

~~(3) THE COUNTY THAT WAS INITIALLY DETERMINED TO BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MAY APPEAL THAT DETERMINATION TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.~~

~~(4) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL DECIDE ALL APPEALS MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING THE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COUNTY FOR EACH CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(5) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS WITH THE DATA NECESSARY TO COMPUTE THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.~~

~~(6) IF A FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COUNTY FAILS TO MAKE THE REQUIRED PAYMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL:~~

~~(I) DEDUCT FROM THE NEXT PAYMENT OF STATE AID TO THE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COUNTY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OWED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH; AND~~

~~(II) PAY THOSE FUNDS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Juvenile Services, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2004, on:

(1) the total population of youth who are identified, through the use of departmental classification instruments, as being in need of intensive or high-need aftercare supervision;

(2) the number of youth in the intensive and high-need aftercare supervision categories currently being served by the Department and the staffing ratio for each group;

(3) the staffing levels that would be required to adequately serve the intensive and high-need aftercare supervision populations; and

(4) a timetable for adequately serving the two populations identified.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.