

**HB0490/653421/1**

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 490  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “extending” in line 10 down through “purposes;” in line 12; strike beginning with “altering” in line 14 down through “purposes;” in line 18 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to suspend operation of the Expert Review Team Program during a certain school year; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board and the Department to identify a methodology for counting low-income students for purposes of certain funding formulas; providing for the process of the Accountability and Implementation Board and the Department’s identification of the methodology;”; in line 22, after the fourth comma insert “and”; and in lines 22 and 23, strike “, and 7-205.1(g)(1) and (4)”.

On page 2, in line 9, strike “and 21-209”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 30, strike “**2027**” and substitute “**2029**”.

On page 4, in line 20, strike “**2028**” and substitute “**2030**”.

On page 5, strike beginning with the second comma in line 15 down through “13A.04.16.01” in line 16.

On page 6, in line 19, strike “nationally recognized,”; in the same line, after “assessment” insert “**DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION**”; and in line 24, strike “**(2)(II)1A**” and substitute “**(2)(II)**”.

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On page 7, strike beginning with “an” in line 15 down through “education” in line 16 and substitute “**A TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM**”; in line 25, after “SCHOOL” insert “**OR SCHOOL**”; and in the same line, strike “2” and substitute “**3**”.

On pages 8 and 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 8 through line 30 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 10, in line 23, after “tutoring” insert “**, AND OTHER OBJECTIVE-FOCUSED SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION**”; and strike line 24 in its entirety and substitute “**DURING THE SCHOOL DAY;**”.

On pages 10 through 18, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 10 through line 10 on page 18, inclusive, and substitute:

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

**(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 5–206 and 5–411 of the Education Article:**

**(1) the State Department of Education shall suspend operation of the Expert Review Team Program during the 2026–2027 school year; and**

**(2) the funding allocated for the Expert Review Team Program in the fiscal year 2027 operating budget shall be used for other eligible purposes for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund described under § 5–206(g) of the Education Article.**

**(b) On or before November 1, 2026, the State Department of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board jointly shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee on plans for future implementation of the Expert Review Team Program under § 5–411 of the Education Article.**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Accountability and Implementation Board and the State Department of Education shall identify a methodology for counting students from low-income households in order to accurately calculate compensatory education enrollment for the purpose of the funding formulas under §§ 5-222 and 5-223 of the Education Article.

(b) (1) In the process of identifying a methodology in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the Accountability and Implementation Board and the State Department of Education shall engage in a transparent and collaborative process in which at least the following entities are consulted:

(i) county boards of education, including the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners;

(ii) the Department of Budget and Management;

(iii) the Department of Legislative Services; and

(iv) education stakeholders, including educators, students, parents, and community-based advocacy organizations.

(2) The Accountability and Implementation Board and the State Department of Education shall ensure that the process is public by:

(i) making a description and summary of the process publicly available on the websites of the Board and the Department; and

(ii) providing for at least one open meeting, with notice to the public, to solicit public input.

(c) On or before October 1, 2027, the Accountability and Implementation Board and the State Department of Education jointly shall submit a report on their findings and recommendations regarding the methodology identified for counting students from low-income households under this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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(d) The Accountability and Implementation Board and the State Department of Education are jointly authorized to use up to \$100,000 from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, established under § 5-206 of the Education Article, to carry out the requirements of this section.

On page 18, in line 11, strike "2." and substitute "4".