

CHAPTER 352

(Senate Bill 64)

AN ACT concerning

State Aid for Public Education - Schools for Success - Extension of Sunset

FOR the purpose of altering the authorized uses of certain challenge grant funds; altering the dates for certain reports to be filed; extending the termination date of certain provisions relating to challenge grants for school improvement; and generally relating to State aid for public education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 5-204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 210 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992, as amended by Chapter 349 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995 and Chapter 677 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

5-204.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Challenge grants" means funds distributed by the Department for use in accountability of low-performing schools for school improvement based upon Schools for Success goals.

(3) "Data-based areas" means those areas identified by the Department for which information is to be tracked for each school, each school system, and the State related to the 10 Schools for Success goals.

(4) "Maryland School Performance Program" means an outcome based education accountability program that concentrates on accountability through school improvement in the public schools.

(b) (1) There may be a School Improvement Research Project administered and directed by the Department.

(2) A Schools for Success Fund may be established for challenge grants to implement school improvement.