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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
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**SUBJECT:** State Legislative Update

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this item is to provide a legislative overview and status of issues relative to education that are currently before the 2014 General Assembly. Please find attached a synopsis of several pieces of significant legislation that has been introduced since the opening of the 2014 session.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

I have asked Ms. Renee Spence and Mr. Steve Brooks to update the members of the State Board of Education briefly on the significant legislation that has been introduced thus far during the 2014 session as well as to review the FY 2015 budget that was submitted by Governor O'Malley on January 15, 2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Renee Spence at 410-767-0469 or Mr. Steve Brooks at 410-767-0011.

Attachment

Further legislative information can be found at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>.

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**Legislative Synopsis 1**

**Information Only**

**SB 14 Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public Schools**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting Task Force members from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement for certain expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations relating to a later starting time for Maryland public schools; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of 0 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public Schools.

**SB 64/HB 1 Children in Need of Assistance – Educational Stability**

FOR the purpose of requiring the juvenile court to inquire as to the educational stability of a child at certain hearings and proceedings; authorizing the juvenile court to consider certain factors in determining the educational stability of a child; defining a certain term;

**SB 118 Juvenile Law – Juvenile Services Education – Facilities**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement that the Department of Juvenile Services adopt regulations requiring the provision of year-round educational services in residential programs; repealing a certain requirement that the State Department of Education develop and implement an educational program specific to the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School;

**SB 144 Foster Care – Kinship Parent Age Requirements**

Lowering, from 21 years to 18 years, the age that a person must be to serve as a kinship parent for a child in need of out-of-home placement;

**HB 20 Primary and Secondary Education – Security – School Resource Officers**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain authorized persons of certain public schools in the State to deny access to certain school areas to certain persons; authorizing certain authorized persons to demand certain identification from any person who wants to use or enter certain school areas; authorizing the county board of certain public schools to enter into an agreement with an appropriate law enforcement agency to carry out certain activities under certain circumstances;

**HB 51 Boards of Education – Bullying Hotlines and Tip Boxes**

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to establish a toll-free bullying hotline; establishing the purpose of the bullying hotline; requiring each county board of education to publicize the bullying hotline in certain locations and venues; requiring the completion of a victim of bullying, harassment, or intimidation report form on receipt of a report of an act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation on a bullying hotline;

**Departmental Bills**

**SB 120 Children With Disabilities – Parent Surrogates**

FOR the purpose of adding the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the list of public agencies required to request a local school system superintendent to appoint a parent surrogate to represent a child at any point in the educational decision making process if it is suspected that the child may be disabled;

**SB 124 Education Coordinating Committee and Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center**

FOR the purpose of repealing the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center; and generally relating to the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

**SB 125 State–Aided Educational Institutions – Qualification Criteria**

FOR the purpose of updating the information required in the documentation supporting an application for qualification as a State–aided educational institution; updating the criteria on which the State Superintendent of Schools must review and comment regarding a list of qualified State–aided educational institutions; and generally relating to the qualification criteria for State–aided educational institutions.

**SB 128 Compensatory Education Grants – Federal Community Eligibility Provision**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition for certain fiscal years to determine the number of students used to calculate a certain grant for schools that participate in a certain federal program;

**For Discussion and State Board of Education Position**

**HB 76 Implementation of the Common Core State Standards – Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education and certain county boards of education from establishing certain educational policies, curriculum, and guidelines that include or are based on the Common Core State Standards; prohibiting the State Board from entering into certain agreements or joining certain organizations that give control over educational matters to any entity other than the State;

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/hb/hb0076F.pdf>

**HB 114 Geographic Cost of Ed**

Requiring that the county boards of education receive a specified grant to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to factors outside of the control of the local jurisdiction;

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/hb/hb0114F.pdf>

**HB 117 MD School Assessment**

Requiring the State Department of Education to request a specified waiver from the U.S. Department of Education within a specified period of time;

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/hb/hb0117F.pdf>

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## Legislative Synopsis 1 Addendum

### For Information Only: Possible Considerations

#### **HB 232 County Boards of Education - Spending - Reporting Requirement**

Requiring each county board of education to provide a report to the State Department of Education by specified dates on the amount of State, local, and federal funds spent per student for specified students at each school; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to the General Assembly by specified dates; etc

#### **HB 297/SB 332 Prekindergarten Expansion Act of 2014**

Expanding prekindergarten services to specified 4-year-old children; establishing the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; identifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the Program; requiring the Program to be a competitive grant program for specified providers; establishing specified criteria for priority consideration of grant funds; establishing specified uses for grant funds; etc.

#### **HB 316 State Board of Education - Training Video on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillators**

Requiring the State Board of Education to post a training video on hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators on its Web site; requiring the training video to be obtained by the State Board at no charge, if possible, and to be no more than a specified number of minutes in duration; and requiring each county board of education to publicize the training video in a specified manner and encourage specified individuals to view the training video.

#### **HB 349 Maintenance of Effort - Lease Payment Exclusion**

Excluding specified lease payments made by a local school district from the maintenance of effort calculation.

#### **HB 423 Implementation of Next Generation Science Standards – Prohibition**

Prohibiting the State Board of Education and specified county boards of education from establishing specified educational policies, curriculum, and guidelines that include or are based on the Next Generation Science Standards; and requiring the State Board to take specified steps to rescind the adoption by the State Board of the Next Generation Science Standards on or before July 1, 2014.

#### **SB 253 Baltimore City Public School System - Chief Executive Officer - Advice and Consent of the Senate**

Requiring the employment contract of the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System to be contingent on the advice and consent of the Senate.

#### **SB 431 Bridge to Excellence - State Hold-Harmless Requirement**

Providing a grant to specified county boards of education in specified fiscal years if total direct education aid in the current fiscal year is less than in the prior fiscal year; and declaring it is the intent of the General Assembly that no county board of education receive less State direct education aid in the current fiscal year than in the prior fiscal year until after the completion of a specified study.