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CHAPTER 504

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Education Partnership Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Public Education Partnership Fund; describing
4 certain purposes of the Fund, authorizing the Fund to receive public grants and
5 private contributions; authorizing the State Board of Education to use the Fund
6 for certain purposes; requiring the Treasurer to invest certain money from the
7 Fund for the use of the Fund and to credit certain earnings to the Fund;
8 specifying certain procedures for expenditures from the Fund; making the Fund
9 continuing and nonlapsing; ~~making certain exceptions~~ providing that the Fund
10 may not be used for a certain purpose; providing that the Fund is subject to
11 audit by the Legislative Auditor; and generally relating to public education and
12 the Public Education Partnership Fund.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Education
15 Section 2-207
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, Research studies validate that fact that public education agencies
20 and public schools are strengthened by private sector partnerships; and

21 WHEREAS, In those circumstances where cooperation between public education
22 agencies and private partnerships exists, teachers, schools, and students benefit from
23 the support, recognition, and expertise provided by the business community; and

1 WHEREAS, Public education and private sector partnerships also benefit the
 2 business community by enlarging its pool of prepared future employees; now,
 3 therefore,

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

6 **Article - Education**

7 2-207.

8 (A) (1) THERE IS A PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FUND ~~WHOSE~~
 9 ~~PURPOSE IS:~~

10 (2) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO:

11 ~~(1)~~ (I) ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND
 12 PUBLIC EDUCATION ENTITIES;

13 ~~(2)~~ (II) FACILITATE THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
 14 PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES;

15 ~~(3)~~ (III) ENCOURAGE THE DONATION OF CORPORATE AND
 16 FOUNDATION ~~DOLLARS~~ MONEY TO EXPAND THE OUTREACH CAPACITY OF THE
 17 DEPARTMENT; AND

18 ~~(4)~~ (IV) STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY AND
 19 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

20 (B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL CREDIT TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
 21 PARTNERSHIP FUND ANY MONEY THAT IS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC GRANTS AND
 22 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

23 (C) THE STATE BOARD, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE
 24 SUPERINTENDENT, MAY USE MONEY ~~RECEIVED BY THAT IS CREDITED TO THE~~
 25 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR ~~ACHIEVING ANY OF~~ ACTIVITY OR
 26 PROGRAM THAT FURTHERS THE PURPOSES LISTED IN SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (A)(2) OF THIS
 27 SECTION ~~INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCLUDING:~~

28 (1) PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION PACKETS AND
 29 BROCHURES;

30 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS;

31 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF SEMINARS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUSING
 32 ON PUBLIC EDUCATION PRIORITIES;

33 (4) DEVELOPMENT OF A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOT
 34 LINE;

1 (5) ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE AWARD SYSTEMS FOR THE
2 RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORS AND BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS; AND

3 (6) EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING METHODS TO IMPROVE THE
4 EFFICIENCY AND PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE SECTOR AND PUBLIC
5 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.

6 (D) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
7 PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR THE USE OF THE FUND, AND ALL EARNINGS SHALL BE
8 CREDITED TO THE FUND.

9 (E) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO AN
10 APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL STATE
11 BUDGET OR BY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN § 7-209 OF
12 THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

13 (F) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND ~~WHICH~~ THAT:

14 (1) IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
15 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

16 (2) MAY NOT BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR STATE GENERAL FUND
17 APPROPRIATIONS.

18 (G) THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY
19 THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AS PROVIDED UNDER § 2-1220 OF THE STATE
20 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect July 1, 2000.