

# SENATE BILL 31

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SB 147/13 – B&T

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By: **Senators Colburn and Hershey (By Request – Caroline County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)**

Requested: October 23, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake College – Authorization of Debt for Capital Projects – Simple**  
3 **Majority Plus One Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the budget approval process for Chesapeake College to  
5 require that certain capital items or programs that would require certain debt  
6 service payments be approved by a simple majority plus one of the member  
7 counties that support the college; providing that certain capital items or  
8 programs that are not approved by a simple majority plus one are deleted from  
9 the proposed budget; and generally relating to the approval of certain capital  
10 items or programs in the Chesapeake College budget.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 16–301(f)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 16–301.

20 (f) (1) The county governing bodies of the counties that support a regional  
21 community college jointly shall review the budget of the regional community college  
22 and may reduce it.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)    **(I)**    [Approval] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)**  
2 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH, APPROVAL** of the budget by a **SIMPLE** majority of the counties  
3 that support a regional community college constitutes approval of the budget and  
4 binds all the counties.

5                               **(II) 1. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO A**  
6 **BUDGET PERTAINING TO CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE.**

7                                       **2. A PROPOSED BUDGET CONTAINING ANY NEW**  
8 **CAPITAL ITEM OR PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL ITEMS THAT WOULD REQUIRE A**  
9 **MEMBER COUNTY TO ISSUE DEBT, PARTICIPATE IN DEBT, OR INCUR AN**  
10 **OBLIGATION TO SHARE IN ANY MANNER IN DEBT OR DEBT SUPPORT SHALL**  
11 **REQUIRE APPROVAL OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY PLUS ONE OF THE MEMBER**  
12 **COUNTIES TO BIND THE MEMBER COUNTIES AS TO THE ITEM OR PROGRAM.**

13                                       **3. IF A SIMPLE MAJORITY PLUS ONE DOES NOT**  
14 **APPROVE A CAPITAL ITEM OR PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2**  
15 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE ITEM OR PROGRAM IS DELETED FROM THE**  
16 **BUDGET AND THE REMAINDER OF THE BUDGET IS SUBJECT TO THE SIMPLE**  
17 **MAJORITY APPROVAL REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF**  
18 **THIS PARAGRAPH.**

19                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 June 1, 2014.