

Chapter 294

**(Senate Bill 124)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary’s County – Vocational Training Facility – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to establish a certain board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for certain purposes; and generally relating to the repeal of an obsolete provision of law relating to a vocational training facility in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County  
Section 144–1 and the chapter “Chapter 144 Vocational Training Facility”  
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 19 – St. Mary’s County**

**[Chapter 144  
Vocational Training Facility]**

[144–1.

A. The County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County are authorized to establish a Board of Directors for the Sheltered Workshop for the Handicapped for St. Mary’s County, whose purpose it shall be to establish and oversee a vocational training facility to foster and develop gainful employment for the handicapped of St. Mary’s County.

B. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) members who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall consist of one (1) member of the County Commissioners, the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Social Service, the Director of Health, the Director of Employment Security, the Vocational Rehabilitation representative of the State Department of Education, the President of the St. Mary’s Association for Retarded Children and five (5) members from the county at large. The Directors, other than the five (5) at–large members, shall serve so long as they hold the position enumerated above. The at–large members shall serve terms of four (4) years from the date of their appointment.

C. The Board shall annually elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from its membership, and it shall also elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board may require the Treasurer to give bond in such amount as it may determine. It is further authorized to adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the protection of properties under its control. The Board shall hold such regular and special meetings as it may deem necessary.

D. The Board may employ such personnel as it may consider to administer its functions properly; it shall employ a Director who shall be a person with the training, experience and capacity to initiate and maintain under his general supervision a program of vocational training for the handicapped. The Director and all other personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and at salaries to be fixed by the Board.

E. The County Commissioners, by and through the Board, may join or cooperate with the federal government, the State of Maryland or with any municipality or other governmental agency in providing, establishing, conducting and maintaining programs for the vocational rehabilitation of the handicapped.

F. The Board may accept any real and personal property of all kinds suitable to the running of a vocational rehabilitation training program. The County Commissioners may appropriate in the annual county budget such sums as may be necessary to purchase land, construct improvements and defray expenses for the maintenance of a vocational rehabilitation training program. The acquisition of property, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may be by purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease of the fee or any lesser interest and at the termination of the use of the property for purposes of vocational training for the handicapped, any remaining interest shall immediately revert to the County Commissioners.

G. The control of any land, buildings or other acceptable facilities shall be in accord with agreements reached between the Board and the person, corporation or agency having jurisdiction over such properties. No power or authority conferred by this section shall be construed to abridge or limit the power of the County Commissioners, of any governmental agency or of any person or corporation to refuse to permit or limit the use of any ground, building or facility under their control, ownership or jurisdiction.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**