

Chapter 81

(House Bill 221)

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – School Construction – Permits

FOR the purpose of requiring each county or municipality, to the extent practicable, to expedite the process for the application and issuance of a permit related to or required for the construction of certain school facilities; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the county and municipality permitting process for certain school facilities.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 1–1501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. School Construction Permit Process”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

SUBTITLE 15. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT PROCESS.

1–1501.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) “CONSTRUCTION” MEANS THE PROCESS OF BUILDING, ALTERING, REPAIRING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, OR DEMOLISHING ANY STRUCTURE, BUILDING, OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY.

(II) “CONSTRUCTION” INCLUDES SYSTEMIC RENOVATION PROJECTS AS DEFINED IN COMAR 23.03.02.15.

(3) “SCHOOL FACILITY” MEANS A STRUCTURE, A BUILDING, A PARKING FACILITY, AN ATHLETIC FACILITY, A TESTING FACILITY, OR ANY OTHER FACILITY IN THE STATE THAT IS USED FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS.

(B) ~~EACH~~ TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL EXPEDITE THE PROCESS FOR THE APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT RELATED TO OR REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.