

Chapter 615

(Senate Bill 1148)

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Advisory School Design Review Committee – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law requiring the Washington County Commissioners to establish an Advisory School Design Review Committee; repealing provisions establishing the Committee’s duties and relating to the review of the Committee’s comments and recommendations; repealing a provision requiring the Washington County Board of Education to provide a certain schedule of project milestones to the Committee; repealing certain definitions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to advisory school design review in Washington County.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 2–701(i)  
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 22 – Washington County**

2–701.

[(i) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) “Bidding document stage” means the period of time following the completion of design where all documents are compiled and made suitable for advertisement and competitive bidding.

(iii) “Committee” means the Advisory School Design Review Committee established by the County Commissioners.

(iv) 1. “Schematic design” means initial design concepts.

2. “Schematic design” includes a basic floor plan, exterior building elevations, and building cross sections.

(v) “Schematic design state” means the period of time when the schematic design for the project is developed.

- (2) The County Commissioners shall establish an Advisory School Design Review Committee.
- (3) The Washington County Board of Education shall provide a schedule of project milestones to the Committee at the beginning of the schematic design stage.
- (4) The Committee shall:
- (i) Review all construction plans for school capital improvement projects that exceed \$2,000,000; and
  - (ii) Ensure that the construction and operational and maintenance efficiencies for each capital improvement project provide an effective educational environment in a cost-efficient manner.
- (5) The Committee shall begin its duties specified in paragraph (4) of this subsection at the schematic design stage for each capital improvement project and conclude its review at the bidding document stage of each capital improvement project.
- (6) (i) The Committee may submit comments to the Washington County Board of Education after review of each stage of the project design.
- (ii) The Washington County Board of Education shall accept, reject, or modify the Committee's comments during a regularly scheduled public meeting.
- (7) At the conclusion of the Committee's review of a project, the Committee shall prepare a report summarizing its findings and making recommendations regarding the capital improvement project to the County Commissioners and the Washington County Board of Education.
- (8) Before advertisement for competitive bids, the County Commissioners and the Washington County Board of Education jointly shall review the recommendations of the Committee.
- (9) The County Commissioners shall have the responsibility of determining whether a capital improvement project may proceed to the bidding document stage.
- (10) The County Commissioners are not bound by the recommendations submitted by the Committee.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.**