

SENATE BILL 653

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By: **Senators Hester and Ready**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Establishing Innovative Regional Schools –**
3 **Authority**
4 **(Cross-County Attendance to Achieve Efficiency Act of 2019)**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing county boards to establish innovative regional schools
6 subject to certain requirements; providing that innovative regional schools are
7 eligible for certain public school construction funding; requiring the Interagency
8 Commission on School Construction to adopt certain regulations; exempting
9 innovative regional schools from certain provisions of law; requiring innovative
10 regional schools to comply with certain regulations and provisions of law; defining a
11 certain term; and generally relating to establishing innovative regional schools.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 4–110
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **4–110.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL” MEANS A PUBLIC**
22 **SCHOOL THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) ADMITS STUDENTS FROM ONE OR MORE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**
2 **THAT ARE A PARTY TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREED TO UNDER**
3 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

4 **(2) OFFERS SPECIAL COURSES OR CURRICULA FOR AN INNOVATIVE**
5 **EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

6 **(B) THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREED TO UNDER**
7 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, COUNTY BOARDS MAY ESTABLISH INNOVATIVE**
8 **REGIONAL SCHOOLS.**

9 **(C) (1) BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL,**
10 **EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF**
11 **UNDERSTANDING OUTLINING EACH COUNTY BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN**
12 **GOVERNING AND FINANCING THE INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL.**

13 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-121 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE**
14 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAY ESTABLISH REQUIRED PAYMENTS OF**
15 **EACH COUNTY SERVED BY THE INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL.**

16 **(3) THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAY CONTAIN ANY**
17 **OTHER AGREEMENTS EACH COUNTY BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.**

18 **(D) (1) INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOLS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR**
19 **FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE**
20 **WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21 **(2) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
22 **SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR FUNDING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL**
23 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AN INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE**
24 **WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE**
25 **THAT APPLY TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**
26 **PROJECTS FUNDED FOR COUNTY BOARDS.**

27 **(E) INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION**
28 **ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE**
29 **SUPERINTENDENT UNDER § 4-109 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

30 **(F) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, INNOVATIVE**
31 **REGIONAL SCHOOLS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS OF**
32 **LAW GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 October 1, 2019.

