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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Schools Before Stadiums**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, subject to certain conditions, the expenditure of public  
4 funds in any fiscal year for the construction of a professional football stadium or for  
5 related infrastructure at any location in the State unless certain requests submitted  
6 by local boards of education for school construction have been fully funded; and  
7 generally relating to a certain conditional prohibition on the expenditure of public  
8 funds for construction and infrastructure related to a certain football stadium.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
11 Section 7-239  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

17 7-239.

18 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, NO PUBLIC FUNDS,  
19 INCLUDING ANY FUNDS DERIVED FROM ANY SPORTS LOTTERY CONDUCTED UNDER  
20 § 9-120.1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, MAY BE EXPENDED IN ANY FISCAL  
21 YEAR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL STADIUM, OR FOR  
22 ANY INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROFESSIONAL  
23 FOOTBALL STADIUM, AT ANY LOCATION IN THE STATE UNLESS ALL REQUESTS  
24 SUBMITTED BY THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN  
25 THE STATE UNDER § 5-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE FOR SCHOOL  
26 CONSTRUCTION, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL  
27 GOVERNMENT AND WHICH MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE  
28 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, HAVE BEEN FULLY FUNDED FOR THAT FISCAL  
29 YEAR.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 1996.

