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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 Baltimore County - Public Schools - Testing for Environmental Hazards

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Baltimore County Board of Education to perform
4 annual testing for environmental hazards in public school buildings where hazards
5 have been found to be present; and requesting the Board to assess any danger to
6 health among students and staff of those schools.

7 WHEREAS, The Baltimore County public school system has experienced a number
8 of highly publicized incidents in which environmental hazards have been detected in
9 school buildings, resulting in the closure of schools and disruption of the educational
10 process; and

11 WHEREAS, The possibility of environmental hazards, such as asbestos fibers in the
12 air and lead in the water, is of utmost concern to parents, school employees, and all other
13 citizens of the County; and

14 WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Board of Education should deal forcefully in
15 addressing this heightened level of concern by implementing a program of annual
16 inspections of affected buildings to help avoid future incidents of school closure because
17 of environmental hazards; and

18 WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Board of Education should provide an ongoing
19 assessment of the effect of environmental hazards on the health of students and staff at
20 affected schools; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
22 Baltimore County Board of Education is requested to implement a program of
23 comprehensive annual inspections of public school buildings in which environmental
24 hazards have been detected; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the annual inspections should continue until the environmental
26 hazard has been eliminated; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Baltimore County Board of Education is further encouraged
28 to assess the danger to students and school staff at affected school buildings and take
29 appropriate steps to eliminate any danger to health; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
31 Legislative Reference to the Baltimore County Board of Education, 6901 North Charles
32 Street, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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