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By: **Senators Jacobs, Hooper, and Collins** Introduced and read first time: February 4, 1999 Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Harford County - Local School Administration 3 FOR the purpose of establishing that, if the Harford County Board of Education determines that any land, school site, or building is no longer needed for certain 4 5 purposes, it shall be transferred by the County Board to Harford County, 6 Maryland; and generally relating to the disposition of real property. 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Education 8 9 Section 4-115 Annotated Code of Maryland 10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement) 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 12 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 **Article - Education** 15 4-115. In this subtitle, "county council" means, in Baltimore City, the Mayor and 16 (a) City Council of Baltimore. 17 With the approval of the State Superintendent, each county board may: 18 (b) 19 (1)Buy or otherwise acquire land, school sites, or buildings; and Rent, repair, improve, and build school buildings or approve contracts 20 (2)21 for doing so, if the plans conform to the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the State 22 Board.

23 (c) (1) (I) [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, IF, with the

24 approval of the State Superintendent, a county board finds that any land, school site,

25 or building no longer is needed for school purposes, it shall be transferred by the

26 county board to the county commissioners or county council and may be used, sold,

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1 leased, or otherwise disposed of, except by gift, by the county commissioners or county 2 council.

3 (II) IN HARFORD COUNTY, IF, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE
4 SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD FINDS THAT ANY LAND, SCHOOL SITE, OR
5 BUILDING IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, IT SHALL BE
6 TRANSFERRED BY THE COUNTY BOARD TO HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND
7 DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

8 (2) With the approval of the State Superintendent, the Cecil County 9 Board may transfer, with or without charge, any of its property to the board of 10 trustees of a public community college.

(d) In Baltimore County, the Baltimore County Board of Education must
notify the Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning of any schools it is
considering for closure and request from that Office a written recommendation on the
proposed action. If the Office of Planning and Zoning wishes to make a
recommendation, it must be submitted to the Board no later than November 1 of the
calendar year preceding the proposed closure. The Board of Education shall consider
these recommendations at least 3 months before taking final action. These provisions
may be waived by mutual agreement.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 1999.