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By: **Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee (Departmental -  
Education)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Education Partnership Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Public Education Partnership Fund; describing  
4 certain purposes of the Fund, authorizing the Fund to receive public grants and  
5 private contributions; authorizing the State Board of Education to use the Fund  
6 for certain purposes; requiring the Treasurer to invest certain money from the  
7 Fund for the use of the Fund and to credit certain earnings to the Fund;  
8 specifying certain procedures for expenditures from the Fund; making the Fund  
9 continuing and nonlapsing; making certain exceptions; providing that the Fund  
10 is subject to audit by the Legislative Auditor; and generally relating to public  
11 education and the Public Education Partnership Fund.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Education  
14 Section 2-207  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1999 Replacement Volume)

17 **Preamble**

18 WHEREAS, Research studies validate that fact that public education agencies  
19 and public schools are strengthened by private sector partnerships; and

20 WHEREAS, In those circumstances where cooperation between public  
21 education agencies and private partnerships exists, teachers, schools, and students  
22 benefit from the support, recognition, and expertise provided by the business  
23 community; and

24 WHEREAS, Public education and private sector partnerships also benefit the  
25 business community by enlarging its pool of prepared future employees; now,  
26 therefore,

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

**Article - Education**

1  
2 2-207.

3 (A) THERE IS A PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FUND WHOSE PURPOSE IS:

4 (1) TO ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND  
5 PUBLIC EDUCATION ENTITIES;

6 (2) TO FACILITATE THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW  
7 PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES;

8 (3) TO ENCOURAGE THE DONATION OF CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION  
9 DOLLARS TO EXPAND THE OUTREACH CAPACITY OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND

10 (4) TO STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
11 INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

12 (B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL CREDIT TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
13 PARTNERSHIP FUND ANY MONEY THAT IS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC GRANTS AND  
14 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

15 (C) THE STATE BOARD, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE  
16 SUPERINTENDENT, MAY USE MONEY RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
17 PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR ACHIEVING ANY OF THE PURPOSES LISTED IN SUBSECTION  
18 (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

19 (1) PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION PACKETS AND  
20 BROCHURES;

21 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS;

22 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF SEMINARS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUSING  
23 ON PUBLIC EDUCATION PRIORITIES;

24 (4) DEVELOPMENT OF A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOT  
25 LINE;

26 (5) ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE AWARD SYSTEMS FOR THE  
27 RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORS AND BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS; AND

28 (6) EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING METHODS TO IMPROVE THE  
29 EFFICIENCY AND PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE SECTOR AND PUBLIC  
30 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.

31 (D) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
32 PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR THE USE OF THE FUND, AND ALL EARNINGS SHALL BE  
33 CREDITED TO THE FUND.

34 (E) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO AN  
35 APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL STATE

1 BUDGET OR BY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN § 7-209 OF  
2 THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

3 (F) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND WHICH:

4 (1) IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND  
5 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

6 (2) MAY NOT BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR STATE GENERAL FUND  
7 APPROPRIATIONS.

8 (G) THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY  
9 THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
11 effect July 1, 2000.