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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County  
Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2001  
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary District - System Development Charge -**  
3 **Schools**  
4 **MC/PG 124-01**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the County Councils of Montgomery County and Prince  
6 George's County to grant a full exemption from a certain system development  
7 charge for certain school buildings; making this Act an emergency measure;  
8 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
9 Washington Suburban Sanitary District and the system development charge.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District  
12 Section 6-113(c)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

18 6-113.

19 (c) (1) (i) The Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's  
20 County Council shall meet annually to discuss and approve the amount of the system  
21 development charge.

22 (ii) The amount of the charge for a particular property:

23 1. Shall be based on the number of plumbing fixtures and the  
24 assigned values for those fixtures as set forth in the WSSC plumbing and gas fitting  
25 regulations;



1 (v) On July 1, 1999, and July 1 of each succeeding year, the  
2 maximum charge, as established in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, may be  
3 changed by an amount equal to the prior calendar year's change in the consumer price  
4 index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of  
5 Labor for urban wage earners and clerical workers for all items for the Washington,  
6 D.C. metropolitan area, or the successor index.

7 (2) If the charge established by the County Councils is less than the  
8 amount necessary to recover the full cost of constructing growth related facilities, the  
9 WSSC shall identify the portion of the cost of that growth that will be paid by current  
10 ratepayers as:

11 (i) A percentage of any rate increase; and

12 (ii) The annual monetary amount on a typical residential  
13 customer's annual water and sewer bill.

14 (3) If the County Councils do not agree on the amount of the charge, the  
15 charge imposed during the previous year shall continue in effect for the following  
16 fiscal year.

17 (4) If the County Councils have not previously agreed on any system  
18 development charge, a system development charge may not be imposed during that  
19 fiscal year.

20 (5) (i) Before July 1, 1994, the WSSC may not impose a system  
21 development charge in an amount greater than 50% of the charge established by the  
22 County Councils under this subsection.

23 (ii) Before July 1, 1995, the WSSC may not impose a system  
24 development charge greater than 75% of the charge established by the County  
25 Councils under this subsection.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
27 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
28 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
29 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
30 the date it is enacted. At the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by  
31 the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.