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By: **Senator Van Hollen**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Maryland Educational Buying Consortium**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Educational Buying Consortium;  
4 stating the purpose of the Consortium; requiring the State Department of  
5 Education to establish certain regulations on or before a certain date; and  
6 generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Educational Buying  
7 Consortium.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-106.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-106.1.

17 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING CONSORTIUM WITHIN THE  
18 DEPARTMENT.

19 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING CONSORTIUM IS  
20 TO ENABLE COUNTY BOARDS AND THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE  
21 TO RECEIVE A VOLUME DISCOUNT ON THE PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER  
22 EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL OFFICE IN  
23 THE DEPARTMENT THAT COORDINATES THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
24 TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

25 (C) PARTICIPATION IN THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING CONSORTIUM  
26 BY COUNTY BOARDS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IS VOLUNTARY AND  
27 HAS NO EFFECT ON CURRICULUM.

28 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING:

- 1           (1)     STAFFING OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE;
- 2           (2)     DISTRIBUTION OF CATALOGS AND PRICE LISTS TO PARTICIPATING  
3 SCHOOLS; AND
- 4           (3)     COORDINATION OF THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
5 TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

6     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall  
7 adopt the regulations required under this Act on or before December 1, 2001.

8     SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 June 1, 2001.