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By: ~~Senator Van Hollen~~ **Senators Van Hollen, Currie, Middleton, Munson,
and Neall**

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CHAPTER _____

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; defining a
6 certain term; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland
7 Educational Buying 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) IN THIS SECTION, "EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES" MEANS TEXTBOOKS,
18 SUPPLEMENTARY READERS, MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION, VISUAL AND AUDITORY
19 AIDS, STATIONERY, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

20 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING CONSORTIUM WITHIN THE
21 DEPARTMENT.

1 ~~(B)~~ (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING
2 CONSORTIUM IS TO ENABLE COUNTY BOARDS AND THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
3 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO RECEIVE A VOLUME DISCOUNT ON THE PURCHASE OF
4 TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT
5 OF A CENTRAL OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT COORDINATES THE PURCHASE
6 AND DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES TO
7 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

8 ~~(C)~~ (D) PARTICIPATION IN THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL BUYING
9 CONSORTIUM BY COUNTY BOARDS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IS
10 VOLUNTARY AND HAS NO EFFECT ON CURRICULUM.

11 ~~(D)~~ (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING:

12 (1) STAFFING OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE;

13 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF CATALOGS AND PRICE LISTS TO PARTICIPATING
14 SCHOOLS; AND

15 (3) COORDINATION OF THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
16 TEXTBOOKS AND ~~SCHOOL~~ OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall
18 adopt the regulations required under this Act on or before ~~December 1, 2001~~ March 1,
19 2002.

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