

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 853

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “establishing” and substitute “requiring the Department and the Baltimore City Public School System to design”; and in line 19, after “Commissioners” insert “by certain dates; requiring Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Public School System to prepare a plan for the transfer of certain real property assets to be submitted to the State Department of Education for approval by a certain date; requiring that a copy of a certain plan for the transfer of certain real property assets be submitted to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing that for a certain period of time the Board of Public Works may approve funding for certain improvements on certain school buildings and may only provide certain funds for the construction of certain schools”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, in line 1, strike “MAY” and substitute “SHALL”; and after line 7, insert:

“(6) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR REGULATION, THE MASTER PLAN REQUIREMENT SHALL BE THE SOLE MASTER PLAN REQUIRED OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, in line 25, strike “THE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS” and substitute “AN ANNUAL STATUS REPORT”.

On page 9, in line 17, strike “AT A MINIMUM, QUARTERLY ORAL” and substitute “SEMIANNUAL”; and in line 19, strike “CLASSROOM TEACHERS” and substitute “THE MENTORING PROGRAMS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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On page 11, in line 28, after “2003” insert “, if funds are available.”.

On page 12, in line 3, after “year” insert “if funds are available”.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 12, in line 15, strike “Sections 3 and 4” and substitute “Sections 2 and 3”.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 12, inclusive; and after line 12, insert:

“SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before June 30, 2003, Baltimore City shall transfer real property assets associated with the operations of the Baltimore City Public School System, part or all of which were funded by at least \$1 million in debt issued by Baltimore City after July 1, 1997, to the legal possession of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. The remaining real property assets associated with the operations of the Baltimore City Public School System shall be transferred by Baltimore City to the legal possession of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in approximately equal annual portions by June 30, 2009. Baltimore City shall bear the costs of the transfers by clear and merchantable title. By June 30, 2002, Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Public School System shall prepare a written plan to accomplish the property transfers. The plan may provide for the transfer of additional real property assets by June 30, 2003 if there is no Baltimore City debt outstanding for improvements or modifications to the real property assets. The written plan shall be submitted to the State Department of Education for its approval. Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a copy of the written plan shall be submitted to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §§ 4-114 and 4-115 of the Education Article as amended by Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1997, the Board of Public Works, for the period from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2009, may approve State funding for capital improvements to public school buildings in Baltimore City on property held under a clear deed and title by either the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. However, State funds for the construction of new schools in Baltimore City may only be approved on sites with clear deed and title held by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.”;

and in lines 13, 19, 24, and 27, strike “9.”, “10.”, “11.”, and “12.”, respectively, and substitute “10.”, “11.”, “12.”, and “13.”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 13, in line 25, strike “schools under local reconstitution in Baltimore City” and substitute “the Baltimore City-State Partnership”.