
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Public School Construction - Funding**
3 **PG 410-02**

4 FOR the purpose of altering Chapter 704 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998,
5 as amended by Chapter 420 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, to
6 repeal the termination date of the certain requirements relating to the provision
7 of funds by the State and Prince George's County for public school construction
8 in Prince George's County; repealing the termination date that applies to those
9 Acts; altering the amount of funds the State will provide for public school
10 construction in Prince George's County; and generally relating to funding for
11 public school construction in Prince George's County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 704 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, as amended by
14 Chapter 420 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001
15 Section 2, 3, 4, and 5

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

18 **Chapter 704 of the Acts of 1998, as amended by Chapter 420 of the Acts of**
19 **2001**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That [for fiscal years 1999
21 through 2003], in each year, the State shall provide [\$35 million] \$50,000,000 for
22 public school construction projects in Prince George's County and the Prince George's
23 County government shall provide a minimum of [\$32 million] \$32,000,000 for public
24 school construction projects, and such additional funds as may be necessary to match
25 the annual State appropriation for public school construction projects in Prince
26 George's County. [For fiscal years 2000 through 2003, the] THE full level of State
27 funding shall be contingent on future economic conditions and review and approval by
28 the State Superintendent of Schools of the Prince George's County Board of
29 Education's Comprehensive Plan described in the 1998 Memorandum of
30 Understanding signed by the parties to Vaughns, et al. v. Board of Education of Prince
31 George's County, et al. and submitted to the United States District Court.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That [for fiscal years 1999
2 through 2003], in each year, the State shall provide [75 percent] 75% of the eligible
3 costs for up to [\$35 million] \$50,000,000 in public school construction costs in Prince
4 George's County. At least [\$20 million] \$20,000,000 of the State funds must be spent
5 each year on neighborhood school projects. For funding above [\$35 million]
6 \$50,000,000, the State shall provide [60 percent] 60% of the eligible costs.
7 Neighborhood school projects shall be identified by the Interagency Committee on
8 Public School Construction and shall include new public schools and additions or
9 improvements to existing public schools which serve students reassigned to their local
10 communities based upon the Community Schools Education Plan developed by the
11 Prince George's County Board of Education.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That prior to any school
13 construction projects being released for bidding as a result of State funding [in fiscal
14 years 1999 through 2003], the Prince George's County Board of Education, the
15 County Executive, and the County Council shall submit to the Interagency
16 Committee on School Construction the most recent Community Schools Education
17 Plan and the Prince George's County Board of Education Capital Improvement
18 Program and a letter of endorsement of the plan and program. The Interagency
19 Committee shall review the information submitted and determine which projects or
20 portions thereof are justified and which qualify as neighborhood school projects. Prior
21 to any approval from the Interagency Committee to release any projects for bidding,
22 the educational programs and services proposed for each project shall be reviewed
23 and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools for consistency with practices
24 and strategies that result in improved student achievement and academic and social
25 success.

26 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[:

27 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and Section 6 of this
28 Act, this Act shall remain effective until June 30, 2003, and, at the end of June 30,
29 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
30 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

31 (b) Notwithstanding], NOTWITHSTANDING any other provision of this Act, §
32 5-307(d) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act shall remain in effect and
33 shall not terminate without further action by the General Assembly.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 June 1, 2002.