
By: **Delegate Taylor**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - One Maryland Public School Construction**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain State and local cost sharing formula for public
4 school construction projects in certain qualified distressed counties for certain
5 fiscal years; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act;
6 and generally relating to public school construction in qualified distressed
7 counties.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) In this section, "qualified distressed county" means a county for which:

11 (1) The average rate of unemployment for the most recent 18-month
12 period for which data are available is greater than 150% of the average rate of
13 unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

14 (2) The average per capita personal income for the most recent
15 24-month period for which data are available is equal to or less than 67% of the
16 average personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2003 through
18 2005, in each year, the State shall provide a share of the eligible costs for public school
19 construction projects in a qualified distressed county as follows:

20 (1) For the first 40% of eligible school construction costs, the State shall
21 provide a 90% share.

22 (2) For the next 60% of eligible school construction costs, the State shall
23 provide an 80% share.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June
26 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.