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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 a certain exception; providing  
6 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to public school  
7 construction in qualified distressed 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~~

18 (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this section, for fiscal years 2003 through  
19 ~~2005~~ 2004, in each year, the State shall provide a share of the eligible costs for public  
20 school construction projects in a qualified distressed county that is making progress

1 in implementing the recommendations of a performance audit of the school system, as  
2 certified by the Maryland State Department of Education, as follows:

3           (+)     (i)       For the first 40% of eligible school construction costs, the State  
4 shall provide a 90% share.

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

7           (2)     A qualified distressed county that qualifies for the State share in this  
8 section shall only receive the State share specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection  
9 if that share is greater than the State share the county receives for the public school  
10 construction under existing law or rules adopted by the Board of Public Works.

11       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3~~ 2 years and, at the end of June  
13 30, ~~2005~~ 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
14 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.