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By: **Senator Hoffman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public School Construction - Renovation and Conversion of**
3 **Public School Library to Community Library and Resource Center**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Interagency Committee on School Construction to
5 give priority to certain projects for the renovation and conversion of certain
6 public school libraries as community libraries and resource centers; requiring
7 that certain school library renovation and conversion projects meet certain
8 criteria; requiring that the application by a county board to renovate and
9 convert a public school library to a community library and resource center
10 comply with certain regulations and procedures; requiring certain State funding
11 for certain library renovations and conversions; defining a certain term; and
12 generally relating to the criteria governing, and the funding for, the renovation
13 and conversion of public school libraries to community library and resource
14 centers.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Education
17 Section 5-309
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 5-309.

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PRIORITY FUNDING AREA" MEANS THOSE AREAS
25 DESIGNATED UNDER § 5-7B-02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
26 ARTICLE.

27 (B) IF A COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES, AFTER PREPARING FEASIBILITY AND
28 LIFE CYCLE COST STUDIES, THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE AND ECONOMICALLY
29 BENEFICIAL TO RENOVATE AN EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY SO THAT THE

1 SCHOOL LIBRARY MAY ALSO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND RESOURCE
2 CENTER FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL
3 CONSTRUCTION SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO THE PROPOSAL, PROVIDED THAT, AFTER
4 CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY, THE COUNTY BOARD:

5 (1) HAS DEVELOPED A FACILITIES INVENTORY THAT DEMONSTRATES
6 THAT PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES ARE LACKING IN THE COMMUNITY;

7 (2) HAS DEVELOPED A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARY
8 SYSTEM TO PLAN, DEVELOP, AND SUPPORT A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND RESOURCE
9 CENTER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND

10 (3) FOR A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTER IN A PUBLIC
11 SCHOOL, HAS ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIPS FOR ONGOING STAFFING,
12 MAINTENANCE, UTILITY, AND OTHER COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER
13 ENTITIES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT UTILIZE THE RESOURCE CENTER, INCLUDING:

14 (I) A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY;

15 (II) A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION;

16 (III) A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITY; OR

17 (IV) A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY.

18 (C) (1) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL MAKE APPLICATION TO THE INTERAGENCY
19 COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY
20 RENOVATION AND CONVERSION PROJECT UNDER THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE
22 COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

23 (2) TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION A PUBLIC SCHOOL
24 LIBRARY THAT IS PROPOSED FOR RENOVATION AND CONVERSION TO A COMMUNITY
25 LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTER:

26 (I) SHALL BE LOCATED IN A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA; AND

27 (II) NEED NOT INVOLVE AN EXPANSION NOR INCORPORATE ANY
28 NEW CONSTRUCTION.

29 (D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MAY NOT
30 ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF A PUBLIC
31 SCHOOL LIBRARY AS A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTER UNDER THIS
32 SECTION UNLESS THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA.

33 (E) THE STATE PAYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE RENOVATION AND
34 CONVERSION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY TO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY LIBRARY
35 AND RESOURCE CENTER SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED UNDER § 5-301 OF
36 THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION OR CAPITAL
37 IMPROVEMENT.

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