

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 589

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 4, inclusive, and substitute “Education - Prince George’s County - Telecommunications Tax - School Renovations”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain percentage of the sales and use tax on telecommunications service in Prince George’s County be used for operating expenditures of the county school system; altering the expenditures that may be funded by the remainder of the net proceeds from the telecommunications tax to include certain capital improvements or renovations for the county school system or payment of certain debt service on bonds issued by the governing body of Prince George’s County; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to make a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the use of net proceeds from the sales and use tax on telecommunications service in Prince George’s County.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 25, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 9-606(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 16, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 36 on page 16, inclusive, and substitute:

(Over)

“Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

9-606.

(e) (1) The net proceeds of the revenue from the tax imposed under this section shall be used [only for operating expenditures of the Prince George’s County school system] AS FOLLOWS:

(I) AT LEAST 90% FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND

(II) THE REMAINDER FOR:

1. CASH PAYMENTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COUNTY; OR

2. PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON BONDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FOR SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COUNTY.

(2) The proceeds provided under this section for [operating expenditures of] the Prince George’s County public school system may not be used to supplant any State aid for education provided to the county, or any county funds provided to the Prince George’s County school system.

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DETAILING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

[(3)] (4) Among the expenditures to be funded from the proceeds, the Board shall consider:

(i) A program to serve disruptive, delinquent, or low-performing students

in grades 6 through 12 that:

1. Provides proof of progress in reading and mathematics;
2. Is designed to include small learning communities and areas of support services provided by community-based providers; and
3. Is operated:
 - A. By an educational provider with substantial experience serving the type of student population served by the program; and
 - B. In separate school facilities provided by the education provider, unless the public school system decides otherwise; [and]

(ii) A Spanish language immersion program to serve at least 450 students in kindergarten through grade 5 in order to address long-term labor needs for bilingual employees; AND

(III) ADDRESSING ANY NEEDS RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR RENOVATIONS THAT ARE THE RESULT OF THE DEFERRAL OF MAINTENANCE OR OTHER DETERIORATION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN USE BEFORE, ON, OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.”.