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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Education - ~~Board of Education and Public School~~**  
 3 **System Reviews - ~~Review~~ - Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that ~~a certain consultant conduct a~~  
 5 ~~certain review~~ certain consultants conduct certain reviews of the Prince  
 6 George's County public school system, ~~and the~~ the New Prince George's County  
 7 Board of Education, the Baltimore City-State Partnership, and the Baltimore  
 8 City Public School System on or before ~~a certain date~~ certain dates; repealing a  
 9 requirement that the New Prince George's County Board of Education, the  
 10 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, and the State Board of  
 11 Education submit ~~a certain report~~ certain reports to the General Assembly on or  
 12 before ~~a certain date~~ certain dates; and generally relating to the repeal of a  
 13 ~~review~~ reviews of the Prince George's County Board of Education and public  
 14 school system, the Baltimore City-State Partnership, and the Baltimore City  
 15 Public School System.

16 BY repealing

17 Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

18 Section 17 and 18

19 BY repealing

20 Chapter 545 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

21 Section 5

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Chapter 289 of the Acts of 2002**

2 [SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1,  
3 2006, a consultant shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Prince George's  
4 County public school system and the New Prince George's County Board of Education  
5 (New Board). The New Board and the Maryland State Department of Education shall  
6 jointly select and equally share the cost of the consultant and determine the scope of  
7 the comprehensive review. At a minimum, the comprehensive review shall evaluate  
8 both the educational and management reforms made by the New Board and shall  
9 determine whether there has been improvement in the management of and student  
10 achievement in the public schools in Prince George's County. The review may include  
11 recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the organizational structure of  
12 the Prince George's County public school system, in addition to recommendations to  
13 the New Board concerning modifications to the master plan adopted in accordance  
14 with this Act. The consultant shall report the findings of the evaluation to the  
15 Governor, the County Executive of Prince George's County, the New Board and, in  
16 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.]

17 [SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the New Prince  
18 George's County Board and the State Board of Education shall review the findings of  
19 the comprehensive review set forth in Section 17 of this Act and shall conduct four  
20 public hearings throughout Prince George's County. On or before September 1, 2006,  
21 the New Prince George's County Board and State Board of Education shall report to  
22 the General Assembly the results of the public hearings and the review of the final  
23 comprehensive review, and propose to the General Assembly any changes appropriate  
24 in the management structure and levels of funding of the Prince George's County  
25 public school system.]

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**Chapter 545 of the Acts of 2002**

27 [SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December  
28 1, 2006, a consultant shall conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the  
29 Baltimore City-State Partnership and the reform initiatives of the Baltimore City  
30 Public School System. The Board of School Commissioners and the Maryland State  
31 Board of Education shall jointly select and equally share the cost of the consultant  
32 and determine the scope of the review. The Board of School Commissioners and the  
33 State Board shall review the findings of the comprehensive review and shall conduct  
34 four public hearings throughout Baltimore City. On or before January 15, 2007, the  
35 Board of School Commissioners and the State Board shall report to the General  
36 Assembly the results of the public hearings and the review of the comprehensive  
37 evaluation and propose to the General Assembly any changes appropriate in the  
38 management structure and levels of funding of the Baltimore City Public School  
39 System.]

40 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
41 July 1, 2005.

