
By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Transfer Tax Revenues - Use for Costs of School**
3 **Buildings**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council for Dorchester County to use
5 certain revenues generated from the Dorchester County transfer tax to pay
6 certain costs associated with school buildings, under certain circumstances and
7 subject to certain conditions; and generally relating to authorization for the use
8 of certain revenues generated from the Dorchester County transfer tax to pay
9 certain costs associated with school buildings.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County
12 Section 10-8.2 F
13 Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (1984 Edition and May 2005 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 10 - Dorchester County**

18 10-8.2.

19 F. (1) The use of the revenues generated by the county transfer tax is
20 restricted and THE REVENUES shall be used by the County [Commissioners]
21 COUNCIL of Dorchester County for solely and only the following purposes:

22 [(1)] (A) To pay the principal OF and interest on any general obligation
23 bonds of Dorchester County issued to pay for capital improvements to the Court
24 House located at 206 High Street, Cambridge, Maryland 21613; [or

25 (2)] (B) To pay for capital improvements, including maintenance and
26 repair expenses, to the Court House located at 206 High Street, Cambridge, Maryland
27 21613; OR

1 (C) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO
2 PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING RENOVATION,
3 FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION.

4 (2) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL:

5 (A) REVIEW THE TRANSFER TAX ACCOUNT AFTER ALL BILLS FOR
6 MAINTENANCE AND DEBT SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE HAVE BEEN
7 PAID;

8 (B) DETERMINE LOCAL SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS BASED ON THE
9 APPROVED 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DORCHESTER COUNTY
10 BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

11 (C) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT FROM ANY REMAINING BALANCE IN
12 THE TRANSFER TAX ACCOUNT TO BE DEDICATED TO SCHOOL BUILDING COSTS.

13 (3) (A) THE AMOUNT OF TRANSFER TAX REVENUES DEDICATED TO
14 THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT
15 NEEDED TO FUND THOSE COSTS SPECIFIC TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

16 (B) A PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE HELD BEFORE ANY REVENUES
17 GENERATED FROM THE COUNTY TRANSFER TAX ARE USED TO PAY FOR COSTS
18 ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL BUILDINGS AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2006.