CHAPTER 155

(Senate Bill 183)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County Board of Education – Repeal of Requirement for a Comprehensive Review

FOR the purpose of repealing certain uncodified provisions of law relating to the conduct of a certain review of the Prince George's County Board of Education by a consultant; and generally relating to a review of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

BY repealing

Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, as amended by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005 Section 17 and 18

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

Chapter 289 of the Acts of 2002, as amended by Chapter 344 of the Acts of 2005

[SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2007, a consultant shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Prince George's County public school system and the New Prince George's County Board of Education (New Board). The Prince George's County Board of Education (Board) and the Maryland State Department of Education shall jointly select and equally share the cost of the consultant and determine the scope of the comprehensive review. At a minimum, the comprehensive review shall evaluate both the educational and management reforms made by the New Board and shall determine whether there has been improvement in the management of and student achievement in the public schools in Prince George's County. The review may include recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the organizational structure of the Prince George's County public school system, in addition to recommendations to the Board concerning modifications to the master plan adopted in accordance with this Act. The consultant shall report the findings of the evaluation to the Governor, the County Executive of Prince George's County, the Board and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.]

[SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prince George's County Board and the State Board of Education shall review the findings of the comprehensive review set forth in Section 17 of this Act and shall conduct four public hearings throughout Prince George's County. On or before September 1, 2007, the Prince George's County Board and State Board of Education shall report to the General Assembly the results of the public hearings and the review of the final comprehensive review, and propose to the General Assembly any changes appropriate in the management structure and levels of funding of the Prince George's County public school system.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.