

# Chapter 651

(Senate Bill 1123)

AN ACT concerning

## Political Subdivisions – Collective Bargaining Agreements – Binding Arbitration

FOR the purpose of authorizing retroactively a county or municipal corporation to adopt a certain local law or ordinance regarding binding arbitration in certain collective bargaining disputes; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to collective bargaining agreements of political subdivisions.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions~~

~~Section 24-101 to be under the new title “Title 24. Collective Bargaining”~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)~~

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

### ~~Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions~~

#### ~~TITLE 24. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.~~

#### ~~24-101.~~

~~A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS FOR BINDING ARBITRATION TO RESOLVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISPUTES REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR WAGES, BENEFITS, OR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.~~

a county or municipal corporation that has adopted a local law or ordinance that allows for binding arbitration to resolve collective bargaining disputes regarding negotiations for wages, benefits, or terms and conditions of employment for employees of the county or municipal corporation is retroactively authorized to adopt a local law or ordinance that allows for binding arbitration to resolve collective bargaining disputes regarding negotiations for wages, benefits, or terms and conditions of employment for employees of the county or municipal corporation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply ~~retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any~~

~~local law or ordinance that allows for binding arbitration that was adopted prior to only retroactively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any local law or ordinance that allows for binding arbitration enacted after the effective date of this Act.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect October 1, 2010~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.**