

# HOUSE BILL 209

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Vocational Training Facility – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that relates to the authority of the  
4 County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a certain board of directors  
5 for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for  
6 certain purposes; and generally relating to the repeal of an obsolete provision of law  
7 relating to a vocational training facility in St. Mary's County.

8 BY repealing

9 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
10 Section 144–1 and the chapter “Chapter 144 Vocational Training Facility”  
11 Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 19 – St. Mary's County**

16 [Chapter 144  
17 Vocational Training Facility]

18 [144–1.

19 A. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to establish  
20 a Board of Directors for the Sheltered Workshop for the Handicapped for St. Mary's County,  
21 whose purpose it shall be to establish and oversee a vocational training facility to foster  
22 and develop gainful employment for the handicapped of St. Mary's County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 B. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) members who shall be  
2 appointed by the County Commissioners and shall consist of one (1) member of the County  
3 Commissioners, the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Social Service, the Director  
4 of Health, the Director of Employment Security, the Vocational Rehabilitation  
5 representative of the State Department of Education, the President of the St. Mary's  
6 Association for Retarded Children and five (5) members from the county at large. The  
7 Directors, other than the five (5) at-large members, shall serve so long as they hold the  
8 positions enumerated above. The at-large members shall serve terms of four (4) years from  
9 the date of their appointment.

10 C. The Board shall annually elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from its  
11 membership, and it shall also elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board may require  
12 the Treasurer to give bond in such amount as it may determine. It is further authorized to  
13 adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the  
14 protection of properties under its control. The Board shall hold such regular and special  
15 meetings as it may deem necessary.

16 D. The Board may employ such personnel as it may consider to administer its  
17 functions properly; it shall employ a Director who shall be a person with the training,  
18 experience and capacity to initiate and maintain under his general supervision a program  
19 of vocational training for the handicapped. The Director and all other personnel shall serve  
20 at the pleasure of the Board and at salaries to be fixed by the Board.

21 E. The County Commissioners, by and through the Board, may join or cooperate  
22 with the federal government, the State of Maryland or with any municipality or other  
23 governmental agency in providing, establishing, conducting and maintaining programs for  
24 the vocational rehabilitation of the handicapped.

25 F. The Board may accept any real and personal property of all kinds suitable to  
26 the running of a vocational rehabilitation training program. The County Commissioners  
27 may appropriate in the annual county budget such sums as may be necessary to purchase  
28 land, construct improvements and defray expenses for the maintenance of a vocational  
29 rehabilitation training program. The acquisition of property, with the approval of the  
30 County Commissioners, may be by purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease of the fee or any  
31 lesser interest and at the termination of the use of the property for purposes of vocational  
32 training for the handicapped, any remaining interest shall immediately revert to the  
33 County Commissioners.

34 G. The control of any land, buildings or other acceptable facilities shall be in  
35 accord with agreements reached between the Board and the person, corporation or agency  
36 having jurisdiction over such properties. No power or authority conferred by this section  
37 shall be construed to abridge or limit the power of the County Commissioners, of any  
38 governmental agency or of any person or corporation to refuse to permit or limit the use of  
39 any ground, building or facility under their control, ownership or jurisdiction.]

40 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
41 October 1, 2017.

