

# SENATE BILL 794

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By: **Senators Hershey and Rosapepe**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Establishing Regional Career and Technical**  
3 **Education Schools – Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain county boards of education to establish a regional  
5 Career and Technical Education (CTE) school subject to certain requirements;  
6 requiring a regional CTE school to comply with certain provisions of law and  
7 regulation; requiring a regional CTE school to operate under the terms of a certain  
8 collective bargaining agreement; requiring the Interagency Commission on School  
9 Construction to study and develop a certain cost–share formula for certain county  
10 boards of education; requiring the Commission to submit a report with its findings  
11 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
12 certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to establishing a regional  
13 CTE school for public high school students in Caroline County, Dorchester County,  
14 Kent County, Queen Anne’s County, and Talbot County.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 21–207  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 21-207.

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (2) "REGIONAL COUNTIES" MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY,  
5 DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, AND TALBOT  
6 COUNTY.

7 (3) "REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL OR PART OF A  
8 SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO  
9 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.

10 (4) "SCHOOL" INCLUDES A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
11 EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.

12 (B) (1) TWO OR MORE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES MAY  
13 ESTABLISH A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

14 (2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL MAY NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNLESS AT  
15 LEAST TWO COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES, THE GOVERNING BODIES  
16 OF THOSE REGIONAL COUNTIES, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC  
17 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE, APPROVE THE  
18 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

19 (3) PARTICIPATING COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES,  
20 THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THOSE REGIONAL COUNTIES, AND THE BOARD OF  
21 TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE,  
22 SHALL ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT PROVIDES  
23 FOR THE GOVERNANCE, OPERATIONS, FINANCING, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
24 REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

25 (C) ANY STATE OR LOCAL EDUCATION AID REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 5,  
26 SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO BE  
27 CALCULATED AND DISTRIBUTED AS REQUIRED IN THOSE SECTIONS OF LAW UNLESS  
28 OTHERWISE AGREED TO IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED IN  
29 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

30 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A REGIONAL  
31 CTE SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS OF LAW  
32 GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

33 (2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE TERMS

1 **OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD AND**  
2 **THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS IN EFFECT IN THE COUNTY**  
3 **WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

5 (a) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall study and develop  
6 a State and local cost-share formula for county boards of education that choose to  
7 collaborate and operate a regional school involving one or more county boards.

8 (b) On or before January 1, 2021, the Interagency Commission on School  
9 Construction shall submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Governor  
10 and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.