

Chapter 583

**(Senate Bill 794)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

**Article – Education**

**21–207.**

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

**(2) “REGIONAL COUNTIES” MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, AND TALBOT COUNTY.**

**(3) “REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL” MEANS A SCHOOL OR PART OF A SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS IN EFFECT IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

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

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1000/H.B. 1300)(0lr2097/0lr2096) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020, and if Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1000/H.B. 1300)(0lr2097/0lr2096) does not take effect, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**