

# HOUSE BILL 739

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private**  
3 **Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability  
5 of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools; and generally  
6 relating to the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of  
7 Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of  
11 Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools.

12 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

13 (1) two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, based on the  
14 recommendation of the chair of the Charles County Senate Delegation;

15 (2) two Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House, based on the  
16 recommendation of the chair of the Charles County House Delegation;

17 (3) two members of the Board of Charles County Commissioners, appointed  
18 by the Board of Charles County Commissioners;

19 (4) two members of the Charles County Board of Education, appointed by  
20 the Chair of the Charles County Board of Education;

21 (5) the Chair of the Interagency Commission on School Construction, or the  
22 Chair's designee; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority, or the  
2 Executive Director's designee.

3 (c) The Workgroup members shall elect the chair of the Workgroup.

4 (d) The Charles County Board of Education shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

5 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

6 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

7 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
8 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

9 (f) The Workgroup shall:

10 (1) study:

11 (i) the fiscal and operational viability of using a public-private  
12 partnership for financing, constructing, maintaining, and operating schools in Charles  
13 County;

14 (ii) implementation of a public-private partnership by Charles  
15 County Public Schools; and

16 (iii) how a public-private partnership may relieve the significant  
17 burden for funding new school construction and renovations for Charles County Public  
18 Schools; and

19 (2) make recommendations regarding using a public-private partnership  
20 for:

21 (i) new school construction; and

22 (ii) maintenance and rehabilitation of schools to meet the identified  
23 needs at lower cost.

24 (g) On or before December 31, 2022, the Workgroup shall report its findings and  
25 recommendations to the Board of Charles County Commissioners, the Charles County  
26 Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and, in  
27 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the members of the Charles  
28 County Delegation to the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
30 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
31 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

