SENATE BILL 40

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By: Senators Hester and Guzzone
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Interagency Commission on School Construction – Systemic Renovation Projects – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects, regardless of cost, as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund; and generally relating to school construction funding for systemic renovation projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 10–650(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

10–650.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), [and] (4), AND (5) of this subsection, the Interagency Commission on School Construction shall, on a rolling basis, approve public school facility projects to be funded from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(2) The first projects funded from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund shall be projects that the Interagency Commission on School Construction has deemed eligible for funding but State funding for the projects has been deferred due to fiscal constraints.

(3) The Interagency Commission on School Construction may not approve a public school facility project that would reimburse a county for a public school facility that has been completed.

(4) (i) Subject to the approval of the Authority, the Interagency Commission on School Construction shall approve expenditures for eligible costs to be reimbursed for a public school facility that begins construction on or after June 1, 2020.

(ii) Eligible costs in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph include items eligible for State funding as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(5) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall consider systemic renovation projects as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund, regardless of the cost of the project.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.