

HOUSE BILL 515

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By: **Delegate J. Long**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Calvert 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 Calvert
13 County;

14 (ii) implementation of a public-private partnership by Calvert
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 Calvert 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, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
25 recommendations to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert 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 Calvert
28 County Delegation to the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
30 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
31 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.