

# HOUSE BILL 854

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By: **Delegates Boyce and Barnes**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Construction – Nonpublic Special Education School Renovation**  
3 **Program – Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Nonpublic Special Education School Renovation  
5 Program in the Interagency Commission on School Construction to provide grant  
6 funding to certain nonpublic special education schools for certain renovations and  
7 improvements; and generally relating to the Nonpublic Special Education School  
8 Renovation Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education  
11 Section 5-331  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **5-331.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE NONPUBLIC SPECIAL**  
19 **EDUCATION SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAM.**

20 **(B) (1) THERE IS A NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL**  
21 **RENOVATION PROGRAM.**

22 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**  
23 **NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS FOR:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



6 (IV) INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY  
7 UPGRADES; AND

8 (v) NEW CONSTRUCTION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH  
9 STANDARDS SET BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE  
11 INTERAGENCY COMMISSION.

12 (D) (1) AN ELIGIBLE NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL MAY  
13 APPLY TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE  
14 PROGRAM.

21 (II) PROVIDES:

29 (E) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FOR:

## 1 (1) PROJECTS ADDRESSING STUDENT HEALTH OR SAFETY 2 CONCERNs;

5 (3) NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS WITH A HIGH  
6 PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

9 (G) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS  
10 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2026.