

# HOUSE BILL 1329

F1

6lr3189  
CF SB 934

---

By: **Delegates Miller, Boaf, and Wims**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2026

Assigned to: Appropriations

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Construction – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of codifying certain provisions of law specifying the intent of the General  
4 Assembly regarding funding for public school construction and increasing the annual  
5 funding goal beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to funding for  
6 public school construction.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 5–303(m)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Chapter 32 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022, as amended by Chapter 354  
14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024

15 Section 4

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 5–303.

20 **(M) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:**

21 **(1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, WITHIN THE DEBT**  
22 **AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES, THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE AT LEAST \$550,000,000**  
23 **EACH YEAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A**

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 RELATIVELY STABLE NUMBER OF FUNDED PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL  
2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND

3 (2) THE ANNUAL GOAL ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION:

5 (I) SHOULD BE RECALCULATED BEFORE THE NANCY K. KOPP  
6 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES PRIORITY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-326 OF  
7 THIS SUBTITLE IS FUNDED; AND

8 (II) DOES NOT INCLUDE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC  
9 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE BUILT TO LEARN PROGRAM.

10 Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2022, as amended by Chapter 354 of the Acts of 2024

11 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
12 Assembly that:

13 (1) [beginning in fiscal year] FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2026,  
14 within the current debt affordability guidelines, the State should provide at least  
15 \$450,000,000 each year for public school construction in order to maintain a relatively  
16 stable number of funded projects in the Capital Improvement Program; and

17 (2) the annual goal established under item (1) of this section:

18 (i) should be recalculated prior to the Public School Facilities  
19 Priority Fund being funded; and

20 (ii) does not include funding provided for public school construction  
21 through the Built to Learn Program.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2026.