

SENATE BILL 960

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CF HB 1430

By: **Senator Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Public Charter School Program – School Facilities – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to
4 distribute certain funds to public charter schools for the maintenance and operation
5 of public charter school facilities; and generally relating to the funding of public
6 charter school facilities in the Maryland Public Charter School Program.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 9–109(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 9–109.

16 **(C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES”**
17 **MEANS PREMISES THAT ARE:**

18 **(I) OWNED OR LEASED BY A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL; OR**

19 **(II) OCCUPIED AND UTILIZED BY A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**
20 **TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF PRIMARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO ITS**
21 **STUDENTS.**

22 **(2) (I) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **CONSTRUCTION SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE**
2 **MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES.**

3 **(II) FUNDS DISBURSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**
4 **PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AND MAY**
5 **NOT BE PAID TO A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OR COUNTY BOARD.**

6 **(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
7 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
8 **FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES**
9 **THAT IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AGGREGATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN THE**
10 **MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**
11 **MULTIPLIED BY \$1,600.**

12 **(4) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
13 **SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
15 **1, 2026.**