Chapter 367

(House Bill 342)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Regional School of the Arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties – Feasibility Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, jointly with certain local boards of education, to study the feasibility of establishing a regional school of the arts for certain counties; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study on a regional school of the arts.

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

(a) The State Department of Education, jointly with the local boards of education of Cecil County, Kent County, and Queen Anne's County, shall conduct a study as to the feasibility of establishing a single, centrally located regional school of the arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties.

(b) On or before December 31, 2012, the State Superintendent of Schools shall submit a report of the Department's findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.