

# HOUSE BILL 513

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Establishing Regional Career and Technical**  
3 **Education Schools – Authority and Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain county boards of education to establish a regional  
5 Career and Technical Education (CTE) school subject to certain requirements;  
6 requiring the State to distribute a certain amount of funds to the regional CTE school  
7 each year; requiring the State to distribute 100% of a certain amount to certain  
8 county boards for a certain purpose under a certain circumstance; requiring certain  
9 county boards to use certain funds only for a certain purpose; requiring certain funds  
10 to revert to the State in a certain circumstance; requiring a regional CTE school to  
11 comply with certain provisions of law and regulation; defining certain terms; and  
12 generally relating to establishing a regional CTE school for public high school  
13 students in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne’s  
14 County, and Talbot County.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 21–207  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 **21–207.**

24 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
25 **INDICATED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) “CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT” MEANS ALL EXPENDITURES**  
2 **MADE BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF EACH REGIONAL COUNTY FROM COUNTY, STATE,**  
3 **AND FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY**  
4 **EDUCATION IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR DIVIDED BY THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**  
5 **ENROLLMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNTY IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

6           **(3) “FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT” HAS THE MEANING**  
7 **STATED IN § 5-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

8           **(4) “REGIONAL COUNTIES” MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY,**  
9 **DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, AND TALBOT**  
10 **COUNTY.**

11           **(5) “REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL” MEANS A SCHOOL OR PART OF A**  
12 **SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO**  
13 **PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.**

14           **(6) “SCHOOL” INCLUDES A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
15 **EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.**

16           **(B) (1) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES MAY**  
17 **ESTABLISH A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.**

18           **(2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL MAY NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNLESS**  
19 **ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
20 **OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE, APPROVE**  
21 **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.**

22           **(3) EACH COUNTY BOARD OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES AND THE**  
23 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF**  
24 **APPLICABLE, SHALL ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
25 **THAT PROVIDES FOR THE GOVERNANCE, OPERATIONS, FINANCING, AND**  
26 **MAINTENANCE OF THE REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.**

27           **(C) (1) EACH YEAR THE STATE SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE REGIONAL**  
28 **CTE SCHOOL AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT FOR**  
29 **EACH REGIONAL COUNTY MULTIPLIED BY THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**  
30 **ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS FROM EACH REGIONAL COUNTY WHO ARE ENROLLED**  
31 **IN THE REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.**

32           **(2) ANY STATE OR LOCAL EDUCATION AID REQUIRED UNDER TITLE**  
33 **5, SUBTITLE 2 OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE TO BE CALCULATED**

1 AND DISTRIBUTED AS REQUIRED IN THOSE SECTIONS OF LAW UNLESS OTHERWISE  
2 AGREED TO IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION  
3 (B) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (D) (1) IF ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL REQUIRES THE  
5 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING OR A RENOVATION OF OR AN ADDITION TO AN  
6 EXISTING BUILDING, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE  
7 STATE SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES  
8 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 100% OF THE COSTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

9 (2) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES MAY USE THE  
10 FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY TO FUND  
11 THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL OR THE RENOVATION OR  
12 ADDITION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO BE USED AS A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

13 (3) ON COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REGIONAL CTE  
14 SCHOOL, ANY UNUSED FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
15 SUBSECTION SHALL REVERT TO THE STATE.

16 (E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A REGIONAL CTE  
17 SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS OF LAW  
18 GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2019.