SENATE BILL 653

By: Senators Hester and Ready

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A BILL ENTITLED

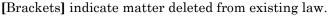
1 AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Establishing Innovative Regional Schools – Authority (Cross-County Attendance to Achieve Efficiency Act of 2019)

- FOR the purpose of authorizing county boards to establish innovative regional schools
 subject to certain requirements; providing that innovative regional schools are
 eligible for certain public school construction funding; requiring the Interagency
 Commission on School Construction to adopt certain regulations; exempting
 innovative regional schools from certain provisions of law; requiring innovative
 regional schools to comply with certain regulations and provisions of law; defining a
 certain term; and generally relating to establishing innovative regional schools.
- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article Education
- 14 Section 4–110
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19Article Education
- 20 **4–110.**

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC 22 SCHOOL THAT:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.





1 (1) ADMITS STUDENTS FROM ONE OR MORE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS 2 THAT ARE A PARTY TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREED TO UNDER 3 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

4 (2) OFFERS SPECIAL COURSES OR CURRICULA FOR AN INNOVATIVE 5 EDUCATION PROGRAM.

6 (B) THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREED TO UNDER 7 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, COUNTY BOARDS MAY ESTABLISH INNOVATIVE 8 REGIONAL SCHOOLS.

9 (C) (1) BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL, 10 EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF 11 UNDERSTANDING OUTLINING EACH COUNTY BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN 12 GOVERNING AND FINANCING THE INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL.

13(2) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4–121 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE14MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAY ESTABLISH REQUIRED PAYMENTS OF15EACH COUNTY SERVED BY THE INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL.

16 (3) THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAY CONTAIN ANY 17 OTHER AGREEMENTS EACH COUNTY BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

18 **(D) (1)** INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOLS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 19 FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE 20 WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR FUNDING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AN INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE
 THAT APPLY TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
 PROJECTS FUNDED FOR COUNTY BOARDS.

(E) INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION
 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE
 SUPERINTENDENT UNDER § 4–109 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

30 (F) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, INNOVATIVE 31 REGIONAL SCHOOLS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS OF 32 LAW GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 34 October 1, 2019.