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By: **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Bailey, Carozza, Cassilly, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Jennings, Ready, Salling, Serafini, and West**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools**
3 **(CLASS) Act of 2020 – Innovation Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to designate a certain school as
5 an innovation school under certain circumstances; providing that an innovation
6 school may be established as an academy in a certain school; requiring a county
7 board to establish an Innovation Plan Committee for each innovation school;
8 providing for the members, purpose, and duties of the Committee; requiring a
9 Committee to provide certain information to the parents or guardians of certain
10 students in an innovation school; requiring an innovation plan to be based on certain
11 student data; providing for the contents of an innovation plan; providing the process
12 for review, adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan,
13 including electronic posting of the plan, a public comment period, and a requirement
14 for a public hearing on the plan; specifying the funding and operation of an
15 innovation school, including the applicability of and required clauses in collective
16 bargaining agreements; requiring the county superintendent and the county board
17 to take certain actions relating to each innovation school within their jurisdiction;
18 prohibiting the county board from taking certain actions relating to an innovation
19 school; authorizing the leadership of an innovation school to petition the county
20 board to extend the school's authorization for a certain period of time; providing for
21 the process for approval or rejection and appeal of the extension request; requiring
22 the State Board of Education to take certain actions relating to innovation schools,
23 including the adoption of certain regulations; requiring the State Superintendent of
24 Schools to report certain information at certain intervals; making the provisions of
25 this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to community and
26 local accountability for struggling schools.

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
28 Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 1–101(a), (c) through (g), (k), (l), and (m)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

4 BY adding to
5 Article – Education
6 Section 7–2201 through 7–2213 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Innovation
7 Schools”
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Education**

13 1–101.

14 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have
15 the meanings indicated.

16 (c) “County” means a county of this State and includes Baltimore City.

17 (d) “County board” means the board of education of a county and includes the
18 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

19 (e) “County superintendent” means the county superintendent of schools of a
20 county and includes the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School
21 Commissioners.

22 (f) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

23 (g) “Elementary and secondary education” means education and programs of
24 education from and including preschool through the end of high school and their equivalent.

25 (k) “Public schools” means the schools in the public elementary and secondary
26 education system of this State.

27 (l) “State Board” means the State Board of Education.

28 (m) “State Superintendent” means the State Superintendent of Schools.

29 **SUBTITLE 22. INNOVATION SCHOOLS.**

30 **7–2201.**

1 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (B) "INNOVATION SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR ACADEMY IN A
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING SCHOOL
5 PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INCREASED AUTONOMY
6 AND FLEXIBILITY.

7 (C) "STAR RATING SYSTEM" MEANS THE SYSTEM THAT AWARDS A SCORE TO
8 A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE
9 STATE BOARD AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.

10 **7-2202.**

11 (A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AS AN INNOVATION SCHOOL EACH
12 SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE STAR UNDER THE STAR RATING
13 SYSTEM FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS 2 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL YEARS.

14 (B) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY BE ESTABLISHED AS AN ACADEMY WITHIN
15 AN EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL.

16 **7-2203.**

17 (A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN INNOVATION PLAN
18 COMMITTEE FOR EACH INNOVATION SCHOOL.

19 (B) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE
20 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

21 (1) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, OR THE COUNTY
22 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

23 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD, OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE
24 COUNTY BOARD'S DESIGNEE;

25 (3) ONE PARENT OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE INNOVATION
26 SCHOOL;

27 (4) ONE PRINCIPAL EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY; AND

28 (5) TWO TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY.

29 **7-2204.**

1 (A) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PARENTS
2 OR GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN INNOVATION SCHOOL:

3 (1) NOTICE AND AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE DESIGNATION
4 MEANS;

5 (2) THE REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION;

6 (3) WHAT THE SCHOOL IS DOING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF LOW
7 ACHIEVEMENT;

8 (4) HOW PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN
9 ADDRESSING THE ACADEMIC ISSUES; AND

10 (5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL
11 OR STATE LAW.

12 (B) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO
13 ALLOW FOR PARENTS, SCHOOL STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT ON AN
14 INNOVATION PLAN FOR THE INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH
15 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.

16 7-2205.

17 (A) THE PURPOSE OF AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE IS TO:

18 (1) CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL TO
19 FIND THE CAUSES OF POOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE; AND

20 (2) DEVELOP AN INNOVATION PLAN TO:

21 (I) CORRECT THE IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS; AND

22 (II) IDENTIFY MEASURES THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN TO
23 IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL.

24 (B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL BE BASED
25 ON STUDENT OUTCOME DATA, INCLUDING:

26 (1) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON THE MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE
27 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OR A SIMILAR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT TOOL
28 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

1 **(2) OTHER MEASURES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, APPROVED BY**
2 **THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, AS APPROPRIATE;**

3 **(3) STUDENT PROMOTION, GRADUATION RATES, AND DROPOUT**
4 **RATES;**

5 **(4) ACHIEVEMENT DATA FOR DIFFERENT SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS,**
6 **INCLUDING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND**
7 **STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES; AND**

8 **(5) STUDENT ATTENDANCE, DISMISSAL RATES, AND EXCLUSION**
9 **RATES.**

10 **(C) AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL COMPREHENSIVELY DESCRIBE THE AREAS**
11 **OF AUTONOMY AND FLEXIBILITY THAT THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY USE.**

12 **(D) AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

13 **(1) A CURRICULUM PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF**
14 **THE CURRICULUM AND RELATED PROGRAMS FOR THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND**
15 **HOW THE CURRICULUM IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND**
16 **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;**

17 **(2) A BUDGET PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW**
18 **FUNDS SHALL BE USED DIFFERENTLY IN THE INNOVATION SCHOOL TO SUPPORT**
19 **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;**

20 **(3) A SCHOOL SCHEDULE PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED**
21 **DESCRIPTION OF THE WAYS, IF ANY, THE PROGRAM OR CALENDAR OF THE**
22 **INNOVATION SCHOOL WILL BE ENHANCED OR EXPANDED;**

23 **(4) A STAFFING PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW**
24 **THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WILL BE**
25 **RECRUITED, EMPLOYED, EVALUATED, AND COMPENSATED IN THE INNOVATION**
26 **SCHOOL AND ANY PROPOSED WAIVERS OF OR MODIFICATIONS TO COLLECTIVE**
27 **BARGAINING AGREEMENTS;**

28 **(5) A POLICY AND PROCEDURES PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED**
29 **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIQUE OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE**
30 **USED BY THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND HOW THE PROCEDURES WILL SUPPORT**
31 **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT; AND**

1 **(6) A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED**
2 **DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY**
3 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF.**

4 **(E) (1) IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE INNOVATION SCHOOL ACROSS**
5 **MULTIPLE MEASURES OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS, AN**
6 **INNOVATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE MEASURABLE ANNUAL GOALS, INCLUDING:**

7 **(I) STUDENT ATTENDANCE;**

8 **(II) STUDENT SAFETY AND DISCIPLINE;**

9 **(III) STUDENT PROMOTION, GRADUATION, AND DROPOUT**
10 **RATES;**

11 **(IV) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON THE MARYLAND**
12 **COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OR A SIMILAR STANDARDIZED**
13 **ASSESSMENT TOOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

14 **(V) PROGRESS IN AREAS OF ACADEMIC UNDERPERFORMANCE;**

15 **(VI) PROGRESS AMONG SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING**
16 **LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS**
17 **RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES; AND**

18 **(VII) REDUCTION OF ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AMONG DIFFERENT**
19 **GROUPS OF STUDENTS.**

20 **(2) EVERY 3 MONTHS, AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT AN**
21 **UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
22 **THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD.**

23 **(F) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL MAKE THE DATA COLLECTED UNDER**
24 **SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.**

25 **7-2206.**

26 **(A) (1) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED**
27 **INNOVATION PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD AND COUNTY BOARD FOR REVIEW AND**
28 **COMMENT.**

29 **(2) IF THE STATE BOARD OR COUNTY BOARD PROPOSES ANY**
30 **CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE INNOVATION**

1 **PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL:**

2 (I) **CONSIDER EACH PROPOSED CHANGE OR ADDITION;**

3 (II) **IF ACCEPTED, ADOPT OR MODIFY THE PROPOSED CHANGES**
4 **OR ADDITIONS; AND**

5 (III) **SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AND COUNTY BOARD A**
6 **WRITTEN EXPLANATION FOR THE ADOPTION, MODIFICATION, OR REJECTION OF THE**
7 **PROPOSED CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.**

8 (B) (1) **THE INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE A PROPOSED**
9 **INNOVATION PLAN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY.**

10 (2) **ON REQUEST, AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL**
11 **PROVIDE A PAPER COPY OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN TO THE REQUESTOR.**

12 (C) **A COUNTY BOARD SHALL MAKE A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN**
13 **AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.**

14 (D) **BEFORE ADOPTING A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE INNOVATION**
15 **PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL:**

16 (1) **ALLOW FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT, INCLUDING**
17 **ELECTRONICALLY AND BY PAPER; AND**

18 (2) **CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED.**

19 (E) **AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE:**

20 (1) **SHALL CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED UNDER THIS**
21 **SECTION; AND**

22 (2) **MAY REVISE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN BASED ON THE**
23 **COMMENTS RECEIVED.**

24 **7-2207.**

25 (A) (1) **ON COMPLETION OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, AN**
26 **INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN, INCLUDING ANY**
27 **PROPOSED WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
28 **AGREEMENT, TO THE TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL BY**
29 **SECRET BALLOT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SUBMISSION.**

1 **(2) IF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN INCLUDES**
2 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING**
3 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATORS OR STAFF OF THE**
4 **INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE PERSONNEL GOVERNED BY THE COLLECTIVE**
5 **BARGAINING AGREEMENT SHALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE WAIVERS OR**
6 **MODIFICATIONS BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.**

7 **(B) A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TEACHERS IN THE INNOVATION SCHOOL**
8 **SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN.**

9 **(C) IF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN DOES NOT RECEIVE A TWO-THIRDS**
10 **VOTE TO APPROVE, THE INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE MAY REVISE THE**
11 **PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN AS NECESSARY AND SUBMIT THE REVISED PLAN TO**
12 **THE TEACHERS FOR A SUBSEQUENT VOTE.**

13 **(D) A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE TEACHERS IN THE**
14 **INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE**
15 **BOARD.**

16 **7-2208.**

17 **(A) ON RECEIPT OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN APPROVED IN**
18 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL HOLD AT**
19 **LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN.**

20 **(B) AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, BUT NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER**
21 **THE RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL, ON**
22 **THE BASIS OF THE QUALITY OF THE PLAN AND AFTER CONSIDERATION OF**
23 **COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC, VOTE ON WHETHER TO AUTHORIZE THE**
24 **INNOVATION SCHOOL AND APPROVE THE INNOVATION PLAN.**

25 **(C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY APPROVE AN INNOVATION PLAN FOR AN**
26 **INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL YEARS,**
27 **BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR THE INNOVATION PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED.**

28 **(D) (1) IF A COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE A PROPOSED**
29 **INNOVATION PLAN, AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE:**

30 **(I) MAY REVISE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN; AND**

31 **(II) SHALL SUBMIT THE REVISED INNOVATION PLAN TO THE**
32 **TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**

1 **7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

2 **(2) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONSIDER A REVISED INNOVATION**
3 **PLAN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B),**
4 **AND (C) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

5 **7-2209.**

6 **(A) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME PER PUPIL**
7 **ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY BOARD AS ANY OTHER SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.**

8 **(B) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY RETAIN ANY UNUSED FUNDS FOR USE IN**
9 **SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS.**

10 **7-2210.**

11 **(A) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN**
12 **APPROVED INNOVATION PLAN AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

13 **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INNOVATION**
14 **SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**
15 **GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

16 **(C) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**
17 **APPLICABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOLS IN**
18 **THE COUNTY SHALL GOVERN THE OPERATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, EXCEPT**
19 **TO THE EXTENT THE PROVISIONS ARE WAIVED OR MODIFIED UNDER THE APPROVED**
20 **INNOVATION PLAN AND THE WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS ARE APPROVED UNDER §§**
21 **7-2207 AND 7-2208 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

22 **(2) A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT GOVERNING SCHOOL**
23 **ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, OR STAFF ENTERED INTO ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2020,**
24 **SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE AUTHORIZING INNOVATION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS,**
25 **TEACHERS, OR STAFF TO WAIVE OR MODIFY PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AS**
26 **PART OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.**

27 **7-2211.**

28 **(A) (1) A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL EVALUATE AN INNOVATION**
29 **SCHOOL EACH YEAR TO:**

30 **(I) DETERMINE WHETHER THE SCHOOL HAS MET THE ANNUAL**
31 **GOALS SET FORTH IN THE INNOVATION PLAN; AND**

1 (II) ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INNOVATION PLAN
2 AT THE SCHOOL.

3 (2) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE
4 EVALUATION CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE
5 COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

6 (3) (I) IF THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN INNOVATION
7 SCHOOL HAS NOT MET ONE OR MORE GOALS IN THE INNOVATION PLAN
8 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-2205(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THAT THE FAILURE TO
9 MEET THE GOALS MAY BE CORRECTED THROUGH REASONABLE MODIFICATION OF
10 THE INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY AMEND THE INNOVATION PLAN AS
11 NECESSARY.

12 (II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
13 AFTER THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ASSESSES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
14 INNOVATION PLAN AT AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, ON THE ADVICE OF THE COUNTY
15 SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY AMEND THE PLAN, INCLUDING
16 CHANGES TO CONTRACTS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, OR COUNTY
17 BOARD POLICIES.

18 (III) AN AMENDMENT TO AN INNOVATION PLAN REGARDING A
19 CHANGE TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT SHALL FIRST BE APPROVED BY
20 TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS
21 SUBTITLE.

22 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF ON THE
23 ADVICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, A COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES THAT
24 AN INNOVATION SCHOOL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY FAILED TO MEET MULTIPLE GOALS IN
25 THE INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY:

26 (I) LIMIT ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF THE INNOVATION
27 PLAN;

28 (II) SUSPEND ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF THE INNOVATION
29 PLAN; OR

30 (III) TERMINATE AUTHORIZATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL.

31 (2) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT:

32 (I) LIMIT OR SUSPEND ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF AN

1 INNOVATION PLAN BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND FULL YEAR OF THE
2 OPERATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL; OR

3 (II) TERMINATE AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL
4 BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE THIRD FULL YEAR OF THE OPERATION OF THE
5 INNOVATION SCHOOL.

6 7-2212.

7 (A) ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN
8 INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY
9 PETITION THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION OF THE INNOVATION
10 SCHOOL FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL YEARS.

11 (B) (1) BEFORE SUBMITTING A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
12 AUTHORIZATION, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL CONVENE
13 A SELECTION OF SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATORS,
14 TEACHERS, OTHER SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS, AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS, AS
15 APPLICABLE, TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE INNOVATION PLAN AT THE INNOVATION
16 SCHOOL REQUIRES REVISION AND TO SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE
17 POTENTIAL REVISIONS.

18 (2) AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
19 STAKEHOLDER GROUP UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
20 LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
21 JOINTLY SHALL UPDATE THE INNOVATION PLAN AS NECESSARY.

22 (3) IF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS INCLUDE A NEW WAIVER OR
23 EXEMPTION FROM A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE PROPOSED
24 REVISIONS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF THE
25 INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (C) (1) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY APPROVE A PETITION TO EXTEND THE
27 PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD NOT TO
28 EXCEED 5 YEARS.

29 (2) IF THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE A PETITION TO
30 EXTEND THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE
31 LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY
32 SUPERINTENDENT, MAY REVISE THE INNOVATION PLAN AND SUBMIT THE REVISED
33 INNOVATION PLAN TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

34 (3) (I) IF THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT EXTEND AUTHORIZATION

1 OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY
2 APPEAL THE DENIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL VOTE ON THE APPEAL OF THE
4 PETITION TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL
5 WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPEAL.

6 7-2213.

7 (A) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
8 BUDGET, THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

9 (1) PROVIDE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE
10 APPLICANTS TO ESTABLISH INNOVATION SCHOOLS;

11 (2) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO INNOVATION
12 PLAN COMMITTEES AND COUNTY BOARDS;

13 (3) COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA AND RESEARCH RELATED TO THE
14 INNOVATION SCHOOLS INITIATIVE;

15 (4) COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA AND RESEARCH RELATED TO
16 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS SERVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ATTENDING
17 INNOVATION SCHOOLS; AND

18 (5) COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES
19 IN INNOVATION SCHOOLS THAT MAY BE ADOPTED BY OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

20 (B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
21 THIS SUBTITLE.

22 (2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
23 INCLUDE PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
24 OF INNOVATION SCHOOLS.

25 (C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER
26 31 EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN CONSULTATION
27 WITH THE COUNTY BOARDS, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO §
28 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
29 IMPLEMENTATION AND FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS SUBTITLE.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or
31 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a
32 court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other

1 application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,
2 and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020.