

# SENATE BILL 794

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(0lr1701)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means —

Introduced by **Senators Hershey and Rosapepe**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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 a regional CTE school to comply with certain provisions of law and  
7 regulation; requiring a regional CTE school to operate under the terms of a certain  
8 collective bargaining agreement; requiring the Interagency Commission on School  
9 Construction to study and develop a certain cost–share formula for certain county  
10 boards of education; requiring the Commission to submit a report with its findings  
11 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
12 certain date; defining certain terms; *making this Act contingent on the taking effect*  
13 *of another Act*; and generally relating to establishing a regional CTE school for public  
14 high school students in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen  
15 Anne’s County, and Talbot County.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Education  
3 Section 21–207  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 **21–207.**

10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (2) “REGIONAL COUNTIES” MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY,  
13 DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, AND TALBOT  
14 COUNTY.

15 (3) “REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL” MEANS A SCHOOL OR PART OF A  
16 SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO  
17 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.

18 (4) “SCHOOL” INCLUDES A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
19 EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE REGIONAL COUNTIES.

20 (B) (1) TWO OR MORE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES MAY  
21 ESTABLISH A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

22 (2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL MAY NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNLESS AT  
23 LEAST TWO COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES, THE GOVERNING BODIES  
24 OF THOSE REGIONAL COUNTIES, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC  
25 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE, APPROVE THE  
26 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

27 (3) PARTICIPATING COUNTY BOARDS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTIES,  
28 THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THOSE REGIONAL COUNTIES, AND THE BOARD OF  
29 TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF APPLICABLE,  
30 SHALL ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT PROVIDES  
31 FOR THE GOVERNANCE, OPERATIONS, FINANCING, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
32 REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL.

1 (C) ANY STATE OR LOCAL EDUCATION AID REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 5,  
 2 SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO BE  
 3 CALCULATED AND DISTRIBUTED AS REQUIRED IN THOSE SECTIONS OF LAW UNLESS  
 4 OTHERWISE AGREED TO IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED IN  
 5 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A REGIONAL  
 7 CTE SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS OF LAW  
 8 GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

9 (2) A REGIONAL CTE SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE TERMS  
 10 OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD AND  
 11 THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS IN EFFECT IN THE COUNTY  
 12 WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (a) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall study and develop  
 15 a State and local cost-share formula for county boards of education that choose to  
 16 collaborate and operate a regional school involving one or more county boards.

17 (b) On or before January 1, 2021, the Interagency Commission on School  
 18 Construction shall submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Governor  
 19 and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

20 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
 21 ~~October 1, 2020.~~

22 *SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July*  
 23 *1, 2020, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter (S.B. 1000/H.B.*  
 24 *1300)(0lr2097/0lr2096) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020, and if Chapter*  
 25 *(S.B. 1000/H.B. 1300)(0lr2097/0lr2096) does not take effect, this Act, with no further action*  
 26 *required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.*

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.