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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 551
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Workgroup on School Construction Incentives**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “construction” in line 20 and substitute “establishing the Workgroup on School Construction Incentives; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to use certain funds for a certain purpose; authorizing the Commission to contract with any person for a certain purpose; requiring the Workgroup to report certain findings and recommendations regarding school construction incentives to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to disburse a certain amount to the Interagency Commission on School Construction for a certain purpose, subject to a certain limitation; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on School Construction Incentives”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 6 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 8, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 2 through line 21 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Workgroup on School Construction Incentives.

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(b) The purpose of the Workgroup is to convene a working group of diverse stakeholders to:

(1) make recommendations regarding appropriate incentives within the school construction process to encourage consideration of the long-term effects of construction decisions for school facilities; and

(2) consider the benefits of school construction incentives for students and taxpayers.

(c) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties, designated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(4) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, designated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(5) two representatives of the Interagency Commission on School Construction, designated by the Executive Director of the Commission;

(6) two representatives of the Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland, designated by the Executive Director of the Association; and

(7) the following nonvoting members of the Workgroup, designated by the Executive Director of the Interagency Commission on School Construction:

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(1) any appropriate professional staff of the Interagency Commission on School Construction; and

(2) any other appropriate stakeholders.

(d) The Workgroup shall elect by a majority vote a chair from among its legislator members.

(e) The Interagency Commission on School Construction:

(1) shall provide staff for the Workgroup;

(2) shall use the funds appropriated under subsection (h) of this section to support the Workgroup in carrying out its duties under this section, including by contracting with any person in accordance with item (3) of this subsection; and

(3) may contract with any person for the purpose of supporting the Workgroup in carrying out the duties under this section.

(f) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) On or before November 1, 2021, the Workgroup shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations, including:

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(1) identification and analysis of approaches for accelerating school construction while reducing costs per student using appropriate incentives offered by local governments for school construction in 10 school systems in the State that volunteer to be the subject of this analysis, to the extent practicable;

(2) recommendations on total cost of ownership, real-time utilities metering, and other methods of assessing project efficiency and the appropriate uses of those assessments in applicable State administrative processes, project approval criteria, and funding structures; and

(3) for each formula or calculation that the Workgroup recommends under item (2) of this subsection:

(i) examples using different types of school facility projects; and

(ii) a sensitivity analysis of design decisions that the Workgroup recommends to be favored or disfavored in the formula or calculation.

(h) The Department of Budget and Management shall, subject to the State budget, disburse \$30,000 to the Interagency Commission on School Construction for the purposes of carrying out the Workgroup's duties under this section."

On page 6, in line 22, strike "July" and substitute "June"; and in line 23, after "2021." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".