

SENATE BILL 843

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By: **Senator Hershey**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Construction – Local Cost–Share – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of adding an adjustment to the local cost–share for school construction
4 projects for certain counties under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
5 the local cost–share for school construction projects.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 5–303(k)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 5–303.

15 (k) (1) **(I)** A county is eligible for an adjustment to the local cost–share for
16 school construction projects under [paragraph (2)] **SUBPARAGRAPH (II)** of this
17 [subsection] **PARAGRAPH** if:

18 **[(i)] 1.** A county’s median household income is in the bottom
19 quartile in the State; and

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.



1 (i) A 10 percentage point increase in the State share of a school
2 construction project if the proposed school construction project, when a local school system
3 submits a project for approval to the Interagency Commission, is at a school with a
4 concentration of poverty level, as defined in § 5–223 of this title, of 80% or greater;

5 (ii) A 5 percentage point increase in the State share of a school
6 construction project if the proposed school construction project, when a local school system
7 submits a project for approval to the Interagency Commission, is at a school with a
8 concentration of poverty level, as defined in § 5–223 of this title, of less than 80% but greater
9 than 55%;

10 (iii) A 5 percentage point increase in the State share of a school
11 construction project if the proposed school construction project is at a school that, in the
12 most recent school maintenance effectiveness assessment by the Interagency Commission,
13 received an assessment rating of:

14 1. Good;

15 2. Superior; or

16 3. Adequate and the school's current school facility
17 assessment percent of expected useful life is at least 120%; and

18 (iv) A 5 percentage point increase in the State share of a school
19 construction project if the proposed project is to build a net-zero school.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2028,
22 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
23 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.