



# Charles County Government

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Bill: HB 739/ SB 916 Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools  
Committee: House – Appropriations  
Senate – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Position: FAVORABLE

House Appropriations Committee Members and Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Members:

On behalf of the County Commissioners for Charles County, it is our sincere pleasure to support passage of HB 739/ SB 916.

HB 739/ SB 916 establishes a workgroup comprised of representatives from the Senate, House of Delegates, Board of Charles County Commissioners, Charles County Board of Education, Interagency Commission on School Construction, and Maryland Stadium Authority, to address the operational viability of public-private partnerships for Charles County public school construction.

As one of the fastest growing Maryland counties, Charles County is being met with many challenges as it relates to properly planning and funding school construction. We believe that an innovative approach is needed to address aging and overcrowded facilities. There is no doubt that our public schools are a critical community asset, and alternative construction financing for design and build must be explored to ensure that we are being proper stewards of both local and state tax dollars.

Bringing together all relevant stakeholders to study how a public-private partnership may relieve the significant burden for funding new school construction and renovations will aid in bringing forth the best and most efficient option. As we work to address the complexities making our school buildings a world-class environment for learning, we need the assistance of experts to address the complexities of private investment in our school infrastructure.

We encourage a favorable committee report on HB 739/ SB 916. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RBC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

County Commissioners of Charles County  
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation