

CHAPTER 730

(House Bill 1102)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 54 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 5. County Board of Education," ~~requiring the Board of Education of Dorchester, CAROLINE, TALBOT, CALVERT, CHARLES, ST. MARY'S, WORCESTER and Queen Anne's Counties to contract with independent contractors for required school bus transportation.~~ REQUIRING THE USE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IN SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, PROVIDING FOR THE NUMBER OF PUBLICLY OWNED BUSES AND THE EFFECT OF PRIVATE CONTRACTOR USE ON STATE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION IN THESE COUNTIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 54 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 5. County Board of Education," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

54.

The county board of education shall to the best of its ability cause the provisions of this article, the bylaws, and the policies of the State Board of Education to be carried into effect. Subject to this article, and to the bylaws, and the policies of the State Board of Education, the county board of education shall determine, with and on the advice of the county superintendent, the educational policies of the county and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools. *In Dorchester, CAROLINE, TALBOT, CALVERT, CHARLES, ST. MARY'S, WORCESTER and Queen Anne's Counties the respective county boards of education shall contract with independent contractors for buses and operators required to transport students and/or teachers.* EACH OF THE ABOVE COUNTIES MAY OWN A TOTAL OF NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) BUSES. IN THESE COUNTIES THE USE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS SHALL NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 731

(House Bill 1107)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, from time to time, to borrow not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) in order to finance the con-