

~~[(e)] (j) Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any of the provisions of this section, or violating the rules and regulations promulgated under the provisions hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 624

(House Bill 861)

AN ACT to add new Section 130A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Finance and Reports," to follow immediately after Section 130 of said Article; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 124(a), 124(b) and 130(b) of said Article, title and subtitle; to provide for a program of State assumption, under certain conditions, of the costs of public school construction and public school capital improvements; to provide that from and after July 1, 1971, the State shall pay the costs in excess of Federal Funds of all public school construction projects and public school capital improvements in the counties and Baltimore City which have been approved by the Board of Public Works and for which contracts have been executed on or after July 1, 1971; to provide that the State shall reimburse the counties and Baltimore City for the costs of certain public school construction projects and public school capital improvements undertaken prior to July 1, 1971; to delineate what shall constitute an approved construction or capital improvement cost; to authorize the Board of Public Works to adopt rules, regulations and procedures for the administration of the public school construction and capital improvement program provided for herein; to provide that moneys appropriated for the program shall constitute a separate fund to be administered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Public Works; to exempt the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Board of Public Works to administer the program from certain statutory requirements; to provide that certain authority, responsibilities, powers and duties of other agencies and officials with respect to public school construction and public school capital improvements shall be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Board of Public Works; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL DEVELOP RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND, PRIOR TO ADOPTING RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF ITS INTENDED ACTION TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH AGENCIES TO