

SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS; to amend the provisions of the law relating to the General States School Fund in order to provide for the public school construction and capital improvement program; to limit the previously enacted school building construction aid program to buildings and improvements for which contracts were let prior to February 1, 1971; to increase the State reimbursement to the counties and Baltimore City for principal and interest payments on local debt for school construction outstanding or obligated as of June 30, 1967; to delete obsolete or unnecessary language from and to clarify language in the provisions of the law relating to the school building construction aid program; repealing all laws inconsistent with this Act to the extent of the inconsistency; and relating generally to public school construction and public school capital improvements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 130A be and it is hereby added 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, and to read as follows:

130A.

(a) *From and after July 1, 1971, the State shall pay the costs in excess of available 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 the contracts have been executed on or after July 1, 1971.*

(b) *The State shall also reimburse the counties and Baltimore City for their direct expenditures from county or city revenues, and/or for their principal and interest payments on any debt incurred, for costs of all public school construction projects and public school capital improvements undertaken pursuant to contracts for construction executed on or after February 1, 1971, and before July 1, 1971, provided that such costs have been approved by the Board of Public Works.*

(c) *For purposes of this section, what shall constitute an approved construction or capital improvement cost shall be prescribed by regulations of the Board of Public Works; provided, however, that the cost of acquiring land shall not be deemed a construction or capital improvement cost and shall not be paid by the State.*

(d) *The Board of Public Works is authorized to adopt rules, regulations and procedures for the administration of the programs provided for by this section. The rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Board may prescribe requirements for: the development and submission of long-range plans, the submission of annual plans and/or plans for specific projects, the submission of other data or information relevant to school construction or capital improvement, the approval of sites, plans and specifications for the construction of new school buildings or the improvement of existing buildings, site improvements, competitive bidding, the hiring of personnel in connection with school construction or capital improvement, the actual construction of school buildings or improvements thereto, the relative roles of different State and local governmental agencies in*