

the planning and construction of school buildings or school capital improvements, and any other requirements involving school construction and capital improvements necessary or appropriate for the proper implementation of this section. IN PRESCRIBING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IT SHALL BE THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM EXERCISE OF INITIATIVE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN EACH COUNTY AND IN BALTIMORE CITY, TO INSURE THAT THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THERETO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, MEETING SUCH REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE PROPER OPERATION OF THIS SECTION AND THE PRUDENT EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS. The obligation of the State to pay the costs of public school construction and public school capital improvements shall extend only to those projects or portions thereof which are in compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the Board of Public Works.

(e) All money appropriated to accomplish the purposes of this section, whether by Budget Bill or Supplementary Appropriation Bill, shall constitute a separate fund which shall be administered by the Comptroller in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Public Works.

(f) The rules, regulations and procedures of the Board of Public Works adopted pursuant to this section, and the promulgation thereof, shall be exempt from Article 41 of this Code, Section 9 and Sections 244 through 256 inclusive, and Article 78A of this Code, Section 2.

(g) The authority, responsibilities, powers and duties of the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Schools, the governments of the counties and of Baltimore City, the local boards of education, and all other State or local governmental agencies or officials under the several sections of this Article, with respect to public school construction or public school capital improvements, including sites for school buildings, shall be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Board of Public Works pursuant to this section. In the event of any conflict between said rules, regulations and procedures of the Board of Public Works and the authority, responsibilities, powers and duties of the above-named agencies and officials relative to public school construction or public school capital improvements, the rules, regulations and procedures of the Board of Public Works shall prevail.

(H) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL DEVELOP THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES AND THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES. PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ANY RULE, REGULATION OR PROCEDURE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION, OR THE AMENDMENT OR REPEAL THEREOF, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF ITS INTENDED ACTION TO