

**CHAPTER 342**

**(House Bill 177)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Procurement - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing**

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "governmental entity" for purposes of a provision under the State procurement law concerning intergovernmental purchasing to include certain affiliations, alliances, consortiums, or groups established to promote intergovernmental cooperative purchasing among governmental entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 13-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Finance and Procurement**

13-110.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Governmental entity" means:

(i) the federal government or an agency or other instrumentality of the federal government;

(ii) another state or an agency or other instrumentality of another state;

(iii) a bistate or multistate agency;

(iv) a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State or of another state, or an agency or other instrumentality of the political subdivision;

(v) a bicounty or multicounty agency; [or]

(vi) a primary procurement unit; OR

(VII) AN AFFILIATION, ALLIANCE, CONSORTIUM, OR GROUP COMPOSED SOLELY OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT IS ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING.

(3) "Intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement" means a contract: