

Chapter 704 of the Acts of 1998, as amended by Chapter 420 of the Acts of 2001

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal years 1999 through [2003] 2007, in each year, the State shall provide \$35 million for public school construction projects in Prince George's County and the Prince George's County government shall provide a minimum of \$32 million for public school construction projects, and such additional funds as may be necessary to match the annual State appropriation for public school construction projects in Prince George's County. For fiscal years 2000 through [2003] 2007, the full level of State funding shall be contingent on future economic conditions and review and approval by the State Superintendent of Schools of the Prince George's County Board of Education's Comprehensive Plan described in the 1998 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the parties to Vaughns, et al. v. Board of Education of Prince George's County, et al. and submitted to the United States District Court.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal years 1999 through [2003] 2007, in each year, the State shall provide 75 percent of the eligible costs for up to \$35 million in public school construction costs in Prince George's County. At least \$20 million of the State funds must be spent each year on neighborhood school projects. For fiscal years 1999 through 2003, for FISCAL YEARS 1999 THROUGH 2003, FOR funding above \$35 million, the State shall provide 60 percent of the eligible costs. For fiscal years 2004 through 2007, for funding above \$35 million, the State shall provide 65 percent of the eligible costs FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 THROUGH 2007, FOR FUNDING ABOVE \$35 MILLION, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE 65 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS. Neighborhood school projects shall be identified by the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction and shall include new public schools and additions or improvements to existing public schools which serve students reassigned to their local communities based upon the Community Schools Education Plan developed by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That prior to any school construction projects being released for bidding as a result of State funding in fiscal years 1999 through [2003] 2007, the Prince George's County Board of Education, the County Executive, and the County Council shall submit to the Interagency Committee on School Construction the most recent Community Schools Education Plan and the Prince George's County Board of Education Capital Improvement Program and a letter of endorsement of the plan and program. The Interagency Committee shall review the information submitted and determine which projects or portions thereof are justified and which qualify as neighborhood school projects. Prior to any approval from the Interagency Committee to release any projects for bidding, the educational programs and services proposed for each project shall be reviewed and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools for consistency with practices and strategies that result in improved student achievement and academic and social success.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTION (B) AND (C) of this section and Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall remain effective until June 30, 2003, and, at the end of June 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.