

remaining real property assets associated with the operations of the Baltimore City Public School System shall be transferred by Baltimore City to the legal possession of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in approximately equal annual portions by June 30, 2009. Baltimore City shall bear the costs of the transfers by clear and merchantable title. By June 30, 2002, Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Public School System shall prepare a written plan to accomplish the property transfers. The plan may provide for the transfer of additional real property assets by June 30, 2003 if there is no Baltimore City debt outstanding for improvements or modifications to the real property assets. The written plan shall be submitted to the State Department of Education for its approval. Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a copy of the written plan shall be submitted to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §§ 4-114 and 4-115 of the Education Article as amended by Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1997, the Board of Public Works, for the period from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2009, may approve State funding for capital improvements to public school buildings in Baltimore City on property held under a clear deed and title by either the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. However, State funds for the construction of new schools in Baltimore City may only be approved on sites with clear deed and title held by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

~~SECTION 9.~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Baltimore City shall continue to work with the Baltimore City Public School System to eliminate environmental hazards within the school system and develop a memorandum of understanding to provide funding for the elimination of these environmental hazards after the transfer of title of real property assets to the Baltimore City Public School System.

~~SECTION 10.~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that this Act constitutes further action by the General Assembly regarding consideration of the provisions of § 3-108.1 of the Education Article for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 28 of Chapter 105 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997.

~~SECTION 11.~~ 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds appropriated for ~~schools under local reconstitution in Baltimore City~~ the Baltimore City-State Partnership may be used to support the principal development initiative enacted by this Act.

~~SECTION 12.~~ 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

Approved May 16, 2002.