

local education agencies and approved by the Interagency Committee on School Construction. By July 1, 2004, the Board of Public Works and the Interagency Committee on School Construction shall develop procedures for use of the emergency repair fund to resolve deficiencies that present an immediate health or safety hazard and to resolve deficiencies that, if not corrected, may present an immediate health or safety hazard. It is the intent of the General Assembly that at least \$2 million be provided for the emergency repair fund in fiscal year 2005.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the Governor and the General Assembly that the State should pursue a goal of fully funding by fiscal 2013 a minimum of \$3.85 billion in school facility needs, as identified by the 2003 School Facility Assessment Survey of minimum standards conducted at the request of the Task Force to Study Public School Facilities. Achieving this ~~goal~~ goal in light of the fiscal outlook will be challenging and will require a significant commitment by the State to provide approximately \$2 billion and by local governments to provide approximately \$1.85 billion over the next 8 years for school construction projects. It is recognized that this amount does not include many projects that local education agencies believe are necessary, but it does include basic, minimum facility standards for all public schools in Maryland.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in 2005, and each year thereafter, the Capital Debt Affordability Committee shall review the additional school construction funding needs as identified in the 2004 Task Force to Study Public School Facilities report and shall make a specific recommendation regarding additional funding for school construction when recommending the State's annual debt limit. The recommendation by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee shall include a multiyear funding recommendation that will provide stability in the annual funding for school construction.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any private ownership of public schools authorized under this Act, all certificated and noncertificated employees of local school systems shall remain employees of the local school system.

~~SECTION 13.~~ SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public School Construction Program shall provide assistance to Baltimore City, counties, and local education agencies in using alternative financing mechanisms to fund school construction, when appropriate. The Public School Construction Program shall prepare a guide for Baltimore City, counties, and local education agencies to use when evaluating alternative financing proposals. The guide should include model contracts, model solicitations, and references to other documents which provide information on alternative financing. The Public School Construction Program should help Baltimore City, counties, and local education agencies identify when an alternative financing mechanism may be appropriate for a particular project and to develop the procurement, contractual, and technical instruments that will meet State and local procurement requirements and bring the project to a successful conclusion. The Public School Construction Program shall report to the Board of Public Works, Baltimore City, the county governments, local education agencies, and the General Assembly on or before September 1 of each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the