

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

**Article - Education**

4-114.

(a) All property granted, conveyed, devised, or bequeathed for the use of a particular public school or school system:

(1) [Shall] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL be held in trust for the benefit of the school or school system by the appropriate county board; and

(2) Is exempt from all State and local taxes.

(b) Money invested in trust for the benefit of the public schools for any county or city is exempt from all State and local taxes.

(C) (1) A PRIVATE ENTITY MAY HOLD TITLE TO PROPERTY USED FOR A PARTICULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IF THE PRIVATE ENTITY IS CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO TRANSFER TITLE TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY BOARD ON A SPECIFIED DATE.

(2) THE CONVEYANCE OF TITLE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR A SPECIFIED TERM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE ALLOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO AN APPROVED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

(3) A COUNTY OR COUNTY BOARD MAY CONVEY OR DISPOSE OF SURPLUS LAND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY OR COUNTY BOARD IN EXCHANGE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

4-126.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ALTERNATIVE FINANCING METHODS" INCLUDES:

(1) SALE-LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENTS, IN WHICH A COUNTY BOARD AGREES TO TRANSFER TITLE TO A PROPERTY, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS, TO A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY AGREES TO LEASE THE PROPERTY BACK TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND, ON A SPECIFIED DATE, TRANSFER TITLE BACK TO THE COUNTY BOARD;

(2) LEASE-LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENTS, IN WHICH A COUNTY BOARD LEASES A PROPERTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT IMPROVES THE PROPERTY AND LEASES THE PROPERTY, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS, BACK TO THE COUNTY BOARD;

(3) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS, IN WHICH A COUNTY BOARD CONTRACTS WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, EQUIPPING, OR FINANCING OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR