

(v) Fire-retardant barriers in the case of a [bus] SCHOOL VEHICLE with a front engine;

(vi) A fire-retardant rear seating area in the case of a [bus] SCHOOL VEHICLE with a rear engine; and

(4) The State Superintendent grants approval.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapter 420 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 173

(House Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Security for Construction Contracts - Retainage

FOR the purpose of providing that the certain provisions regarding retainage in a construction contract awarded by a public body do not apply to an entity that is subject to certain other provisions regarding retainage in a State procurement contract for construction; and generally relating to construction contracts awarded by a public body.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 13-225

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 17-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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