

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) of this section and Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall remain effective until June 30, 2002, and, at the end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

(b) ~~As to school construction projects for which the construction contract has been approved by the Interagency Committee on School Construction on or before June 30, 2002, the provisions of § 5-301(b)(2) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act shall remain in effect for the duration of the contract Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, § 5-307(d) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act shall remain in effect and shall not terminate without further action by the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as provided in Section 5(b) of this Act, the provisions of this Act shall be null and void if any party to the Memorandum of Understanding in the case of Vaughns, et al. v. Board of Education of Prince George's County, et al. declares the Memorandum of Understanding null and void or if the District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland declares the Memorandum of Understanding null and void.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 705

(House Bill 705)

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credits for Alternative-Fuel Vehicles - Termination Date

FOR the purpose of extending the applicability of and termination date applicable to certain credits allowed against the State income tax for certain costs of alternative-fuel and electric vehicles and certain property for converting a vehicle to an alternative-fuel vehicle.