

Chapter 426

(Senate Bill 916)

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools

FOR the purpose of establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That:

(a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, based on the recommendation of the chair of the Charles County Senate Delegation;

(2) two Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House, based on the recommendation of the chair of the Charles County House Delegation;

(3) two members of the Board of Charles County Commissioners, appointed by the Board of Charles County Commissioners;

(4) two members of the Charles County Board of Education, appointed by the Chair of the Charles County Board of Education;

(5) the Chair of the Interagency Commission on School Construction, or the Chair's designee; and

(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority, or the Executive Director's designee.

(c) The Workgroup members shall elect the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Charles County Board of Education shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) study:

(i) the fiscal and operational viability of using a public-private partnership for financing, constructing, maintaining, and operating schools in Charles County;

(ii) implementation of a public-private partnership by Charles County Public Schools; and

(iii) how a public-private partnership may relieve the significant burden for funding new school construction and renovations for Charles County Public Schools; and

(2) make recommendations regarding using a public-private partnership for:

(i) new school construction; and

(ii) maintenance and rehabilitation of schools to meet the identified needs at lower cost.

(g) On or before December 31, 2022, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Charles County Commissioners, the Charles County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the members of the Charles County Delegation to the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.