

# HOUSE BILL 347

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools**  
3 **(CLASS) Act of 2020 – Innovation Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to designate a certain school as  
5 an innovation school under certain circumstances; providing that an innovation  
6 school may be established as an academy in a certain school; requiring a county  
7 board to establish an Innovation Plan Committee for each innovation school;  
8 providing for the members, purpose, and duties of the Committee; requiring a  
9 Committee to provide certain information to the parents or guardians of certain  
10 students in an innovation school; requiring an innovation plan to be based on certain  
11 student data; providing for the contents of an innovation plan; providing the process  
12 for review, adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan,  
13 including electronic posting of the plan, a public comment period, and a requirement  
14 for a public hearing on the plan; specifying the funding and operation of an  
15 innovation school, including the applicability of and required clauses in collective  
16 bargaining agreements; requiring the county superintendent and the county board  
17 to take certain actions relating to each innovation school within their jurisdiction;  
18 prohibiting the county board from taking certain actions relating to an innovation  
19 school; authorizing the leadership of an innovation school to petition the county  
20 board to extend the school's authorization for a certain period of time; providing for  
21 the process for approval or rejection and appeal of the extension request; requiring  
22 the State Board of Education to take certain actions relating to innovation schools,  
23 including the adoption of certain regulations; requiring the State Superintendent of  
24 Schools to report certain information at certain intervals; making the provisions of  
25 this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to community and  
26 local accountability for struggling schools.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 1–101(a), (c) through (g), (k), (l), and (m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 7–2201 through 7–2213 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Innovation  
Schools”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Education**

1–101.

(a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “County” means a county of this State and includes Baltimore City.

(d) “County board” means the board of education of a county and includes the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(e) “County superintendent” means the county superintendent of schools of a county and includes the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(f) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

(g) “Elementary and secondary education” means education and programs of education from and including preschool through the end of high school and their equivalent.

(k) “Public schools” means the schools in the public elementary and secondary education system of this State.

(l) “State Board” means the State Board of Education.

(m) “State Superintendent” means the State Superintendent of Schools.

### **SUBTITLE 22. INNOVATION SCHOOLS.**

**7–2201.**

1 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (B) "INNOVATION SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR ACADEMY IN A  
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING SCHOOL  
5 PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INCREASED AUTONOMY  
6 AND FLEXIBILITY.

7 (C) "STAR RATING SYSTEM" MEANS THE SYSTEM THAT AWARDS A SCORE TO  
8 A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE  
9 STATE BOARD AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.

10 7-2202.

11 (A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AS AN INNOVATION SCHOOL EACH  
12 SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE STAR UNDER THE STAR RATING  
13 SYSTEM FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS 2 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL YEARS.

14 (B) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY BE ESTABLISHED AS AN ACADEMY WITHIN  
15 AN EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL.

16 7-2203.

17 (A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN INNOVATION PLAN  
18 COMMITTEE FOR EACH INNOVATION SCHOOL.

19 (B) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE  
20 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

21 (1) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, OR THE COUNTY  
22 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

23 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD, OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
24 COUNTY BOARD'S DESIGNEE;

25 (3) ONE PARENT OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE INNOVATION  
26 SCHOOL;

27 (4) ONE PRINCIPAL EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY; AND

28 (5) TWO TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY.

1 **7-2204.**

2 (A) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PARENTS  
3 OR GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN INNOVATION SCHOOL:

4 (1) NOTICE AND AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE DESIGNATION  
5 MEANS;

6 (2) THE REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION;

7 (3) WHAT THE SCHOOL IS DOING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF LOW  
8 ACHIEVEMENT;

9 (4) HOW PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN  
10 ADDRESSING THE ACADEMIC ISSUES; AND

11 (5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL  
12 OR STATE LAW.

13 (B) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO  
14 ALLOW FOR PARENTS, SCHOOL STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT ON AN  
15 INNOVATION PLAN FOR THE INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
16 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.

17 **7-2205.**

18 (A) THE PURPOSE OF AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE IS TO:

19 (1) CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL TO  
20 FIND THE CAUSES OF POOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE; AND

21 (2) DEVELOP AN INNOVATION PLAN TO:

22 (I) CORRECT THE IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS; AND

23 (II) IDENTIFY MEASURES THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN TO  
24 IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL.

25 (B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL BE BASED  
26 ON STUDENT OUTCOME DATA, INCLUDING:

27 (1) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON THE MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE  
28 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OR A SIMILAR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT TOOL

1 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

2 (2) OTHER MEASURES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, APPROVED BY  
3 THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, AS APPROPRIATE;

4 (3) STUDENT PROMOTION, GRADUATION RATES, AND DROPOUT  
5 RATES;

6 (4) ACHIEVEMENT DATA FOR DIFFERENT SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS,  
7 INCLUDING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND  
8 STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES; AND

9 (5) STUDENT ATTENDANCE, DISMISSAL RATES, AND EXCLUSION  
10 RATES.

11 (C) AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL COMPREHENSIVELY DESCRIBE THE AREAS  
12 OF AUTONOMY AND FLEXIBILITY THAT THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY USE.

13 (D) AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

14 (1) A CURRICULUM PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF  
15 THE CURRICULUM AND RELATED PROGRAMS FOR THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND  
16 HOW THE CURRICULUM IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND  
17 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;

18 (2) A BUDGET PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW  
19 FUNDS SHALL BE USED DIFFERENTLY IN THE INNOVATION SCHOOL TO SUPPORT  
20 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;

21 (3) A SCHOOL SCHEDULE PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED  
22 DESCRIPTION OF THE WAYS, IF ANY, THE PROGRAM OR CALENDAR OF THE  
23 INNOVATION SCHOOL WILL BE ENHANCED OR EXPANDED;

24 (4) A STAFFING PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW  
25 THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WILL BE  
26 RECRUITED, EMPLOYED, EVALUATED, AND COMPENSATED IN THE INNOVATION  
27 SCHOOL AND ANY PROPOSED WAIVERS OF OR MODIFICATIONS TO COLLECTIVE  
28 BARGAINING AGREEMENTS;

29 (5) A POLICY AND PROCEDURES PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED  
30 DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIQUE OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE  
31 USED BY THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND HOW THE PROCEDURES WILL SUPPORT  
32 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT; AND

**(6) A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF.**

**(E) (1) IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE INNOVATION SCHOOL ACROSS MULTIPLE MEASURES OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS, AN INNOVATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE MEASURABLE ANNUAL GOALS, INCLUDING:**

**(I) STUDENT ATTENDANCE;**

**(II) STUDENT SAFETY AND DISCIPLINE;**

**(III) STUDENT PROMOTION, GRADUATION, AND DROPOUT RATES;**

**(IV) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON THE MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OR A SIMILAR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT TOOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

**(V) PROGRESS IN AREAS OF ACADEMIC UNDERPERFORMANCE;**

**(VI) PROGRESS AMONG SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES; AND**

**(VII) REDUCTION OF ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS OF STUDENTS.**

**(2) EVERY 3 MONTHS, AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD.**

**(F) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL MAKE THE DATA COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**7-2206.**

**(A) (1) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD AND COUNTY BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.**

**(2) IF THE STATE BOARD OR COUNTY BOARD PROPOSES ANY**

1 CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE INNOVATION  
2 PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL:

3 (I) CONSIDER EACH PROPOSED CHANGE OR ADDITION;

4 (II) IF ACCEPTED, ADOPT OR MODIFY THE PROPOSED CHANGES  
5 OR ADDITIONS; AND

6 (III) SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AND COUNTY BOARD A  
7 WRITTEN EXPLANATION FOR THE ADOPTION, MODIFICATION, OR REJECTION OF THE  
8 PROPOSED CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.

9 (B) (1) THE INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE A PROPOSED  
10 INNOVATION PLAN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY.

11 (2) ON REQUEST, AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL  
12 PROVIDE A PAPER COPY OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN TO THE REQUESTOR.

13 (C) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL MAKE A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN  
14 AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.

15 (D) BEFORE ADOPTING A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE INNOVATION  
16 PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL:

17 (1) ALLOW FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT, INCLUDING  
18 ELECTRONICALLY AND BY PAPER; AND

19 (2) CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED.

20 (E) AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE:

21 (1) SHALL CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED UNDER THIS  
22 SECTION; AND

23 (2) MAY REVISE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN BASED ON THE  
24 COMMENTS RECEIVED.

25 7-2207.

26 (A) (1) ON COMPLETION OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, AN  
27 INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN, INCLUDING ANY  
28 PROPOSED WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
29 AGREEMENT, TO THE TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL BY

1 SECRET BALLOT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SUBMISSION.

2 (2) IF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN INCLUDES  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING  
4 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATORS OR STAFF OF THE  
5 INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE PERSONNEL GOVERNED BY THE COLLECTIVE  
6 BARGAINING AGREEMENT SHALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE WAIVERS OR  
7 MODIFICATIONS BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

8 (B) A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TEACHERS IN THE INNOVATION SCHOOL  
9 SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN.

10 (C) IF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN DOES NOT RECEIVE A TWO-THIRDS  
11 VOTE TO APPROVE, THE INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE MAY REVISE THE  
12 PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN AS NECESSARY AND SUBMIT THE REVISED PLAN TO  
13 THE TEACHERS FOR A SUBSEQUENT VOTE.

14 (D) A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE TEACHERS IN THE  
15 INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE  
16 BOARD.

17 7-2208.

18 (A) ON RECEIPT OF A PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN APPROVED IN  
19 ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL HOLD AT  
20 LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN.

21 (B) AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, BUT NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER  
22 THE RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL, ON  
23 THE BASIS OF THE QUALITY OF THE PLAN AND AFTER CONSIDERATION OF  
24 COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC, VOTE ON WHETHER TO AUTHORIZE THE  
25 INNOVATION SCHOOL AND APPROVE THE INNOVATION PLAN.

26 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY APPROVE AN INNOVATION PLAN FOR AN  
27 INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL YEARS,  
28 BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR THE INNOVATION PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED.

29 (D) (1) IF A COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE A PROPOSED  
30 INNOVATION PLAN, AN INNOVATION PLAN COMMITTEE:

31 (I) MAY REVISE THE PROPOSED INNOVATION PLAN; AND

32 (II) SHALL SUBMIT THE REVISED INNOVATION PLAN TO THE



TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §  
7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONSIDER A REVISED INNOVATION  
PLAN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B),  
AND (C) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

7-2209.

(A) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME PER PUPIL  
ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY BOARD AS ANY OTHER SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.

(B) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY RETAIN ANY UNUSED FUNDS FOR USE IN  
SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS.

7-2210.

(A) AN INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN  
APPROVED INNOVATION PLAN AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INNOVATION  
SCHOOL SHALL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

(C) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
APPLICABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOLS IN  
THE COUNTY SHALL GOVERN THE OPERATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, EXCEPT  
TO THE EXTENT THE PROVISIONS ARE WAIVED OR MODIFIED UNDER THE APPROVED  
INNOVATION PLAN AND THE WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS ARE APPROVED UNDER §§  
7-2207 AND 7-2208 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT GOVERNING SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, OR STAFF ENTERED INTO ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2020,  
SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE AUTHORIZING INNOVATION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS,  
TEACHERS, OR STAFF TO WAIVE OR MODIFY PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AS  
PART OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

7-2211.

(A) (1) A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL EVALUATE AN INNOVATION  
SCHOOL EACH YEAR TO:

(I) DETERMINE WHETHER THE SCHOOL HAS MET THE ANNUAL

1 GOALS SET FORTH IN THE INNOVATION PLAN; AND

2 (II) ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INNOVATION PLAN  
3 AT THE SCHOOL.

4 (2) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE  
5 EVALUATION CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE  
6 COUNTY BOARD AND THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

7 (3) (I) IF THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN INNOVATION  
8 SCHOOL HAS NOT MET ONE OR MORE GOALS IN THE INNOVATION PLAN  
9 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-2205(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THAT THE FAILURE TO  
10 MEET THE GOALS MAY BE CORRECTED THROUGH REASONABLE MODIFICATION OF  
11 THE INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY AMEND THE INNOVATION PLAN AS  
12 NECESSARY.

13 (II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
14 AFTER THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ASSESSES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
15 INNOVATION PLAN AT AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, ON THE ADVICE OF THE COUNTY  
16 SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY AMEND THE PLAN, INCLUDING  
17 CHANGES TO CONTRACTS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, OR COUNTY  
18 BOARD POLICIES.

19 (III) AN AMENDMENT TO AN INNOVATION PLAN REGARDING A  
20 CHANGE TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT SHALL FIRST BE APPROVED BY  
21 TEACHERS OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS  
22 SUBTITLE.

23 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF ON THE  
24 ADVICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, A COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES THAT  
25 AN INNOVATION SCHOOL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY FAILED TO MEET MULTIPLE GOALS IN  
26 THE INNOVATION PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY:

27 (I) LIMIT ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF THE INNOVATION  
28 PLAN;

29 (II) SUSPEND ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF THE INNOVATION  
30 PLAN; OR

31 (III) TERMINATE AUTHORIZATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL.

32 (2) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT:

1                   **(I)   LIMIT OR SUSPEND ONE OR MORE COMPONENTS OF AN**  
2 **INNOVATION PLAN BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND FULL YEAR OF THE**  
3 **OPERATION OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL; OR**

4                   **(II)   TERMINATE AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL**  
5 **BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE THIRD FULL YEAR OF THE OPERATION OF THE**  
6 **INNOVATION SCHOOL.**

7 **7-2212.**

8           **(A)   ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN**  
9 **INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY**  
10 **PETITION THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION OF THE INNOVATION**  
11 **SCHOOL FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL YEARS.**

12           **(B)   (1)   BEFORE SUBMITTING A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF**  
13 **AUTHORIZATION, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL SHALL CONVENE**  
14 **A SELECTION OF SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATORS,**  
15 **TEACHERS, OTHER SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS, AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS, AS**  
16 **APPLICABLE, TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE INNOVATION PLAN AT THE INNOVATION**  
17 **SCHOOL REQUIRES REVISION AND TO SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE**  
18 **POTENTIAL REVISIONS.**

19           **(2)   AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE**  
20 **STAKEHOLDER GROUP UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
21 **LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL AND THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**  
22 **JOINTLY SHALL UPDATE THE INNOVATION PLAN AS NECESSARY.**

23           **(3)   IF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS INCLUDE A NEW WAIVER OR**  
24 **EXEMPTION FROM A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE PROPOSED**  
25 **REVISIONS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF THE**  
26 **INNOVATION SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-2207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

27           **(C)   (1)   THE COUNTY BOARD MAY APPROVE A PETITION TO EXTEND THE**  
28 **PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD NOT TO**  
29 **EXCEED 5 YEARS.**

30           **(2)   IF THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE A PETITION TO**  
31 **EXTEND THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE**  
32 **LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY**  
33 **SUPERINTENDENT, MAY REVISE THE INNOVATION PLAN AND SUBMIT THE REVISED**  
34 **INNOVATION PLAN TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.**

1                   **(3) (I) IF THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT EXTEND AUTHORIZATION**  
2 **OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INNOVATION SCHOOL MAY**  
3 **APPEAL THE DENIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

4                   **(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL VOTE ON THE APPEAL OF THE**  
5 **PETITION TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION OF AN INNOVATION SCHOOL**  
6 **WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPEAL.**

7 **7-2213.**

8           **(A) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**  
9 **BUDGET, THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

10                   **(1) PROVIDE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE**  
11 **APPLICANTS TO ESTABLISH INNOVATION SCHOOLS;**

12                   **(2) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO INNOVATION**  
13 **PLAN COMMITTEES AND COUNTY BOARDS;**

14                   **(3) COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA AND RESEARCH RELATED TO THE**  
15 **INNOVATION SCHOOLS INITIATIVE;**

16                   **(4) COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA AND RESEARCH RELATED TO**  
17 **SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS SERVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ATTENDING**  
18 **INNOVATION SCHOOLS; AND**

19                   **(5) COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES**  
20 **IN INNOVATION SCHOOLS THAT MAY BE ADOPTED BY OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

21           **(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**  
22 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

23                   **(2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**  
24 **INCLUDE PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**  
25 **OF INNOVATION SCHOOLS.**

26           **(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER**  
27 **31 EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN CONSULTATION**  
28 **WITH THE COUNTY BOARDS, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO §**  
29 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**  
30 **IMPLEMENTATION AND FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

31           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or  
32 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a

1 court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other  
2 application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,  
3 and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
5 1, 2020.