

City-State Partnership and the Baltimore City Remedy Plan in lieu of Thornton Commission legislation. The bill also makes adjustments to the responsibilities of Baltimore City, the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, (including the development of a comprehensive 5-year Master Plan) the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS), and increases BCPSS's bonding authority. In addition, the word "New" is removed from the name of the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

House Bill 853, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 687.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 687

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education - Baltimore City-State Partnership

FOR the purpose of altering the name of the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to be the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; increasing a certain limit on the aggregate principal amount of certain bonds of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; providing for increased community involvement and outreach in the Baltimore City Public School System; establishing requiring the Department and the Baltimore City Public School System to design a certain principal development initiative; altering certain required components of the Baltimore City Public School System Master Plan; requiring a certain evaluation within a certain period of time; requiring certain officials of the State Department of Education and the Baltimore City Public School System to meet with a certain federal court special master to address certain special education and general education issues; requiring the State Department of Education, the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction, and the Baltimore City Public School System to develop a mechanism for addressing certain facilities issues within a certain period of time; requiring that Baltimore City complete the transfer of certain real property assets including certain title transfers to the Board of School Commissioners by certain dates; requiring Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Public School System to prepare a plan for the transfer of certain real property assets to be submitted to the State Department of Education for approval by a certain date; requiring that a copy of a certain plan for the transfer of certain real property assets be submitted to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing that for a certain period of time the Board of Public Works may approve funding for certain improvements on certain school buildings and may only provide certain funds for the construction of certain schools; requiring that the cost of certain title transfers be borne by Baltimore City; requiring Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Public School System to