

Chapter 208

(Senate Bill 988)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Assessment Report for Broadband Capabilities in Public Schools

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to report to the General Assembly on certain matters relating to broadband capabilities in local school systems on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a report on broadband capabilities in public schools by the State Department of Education.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, on or before December 1, 2014, the State Department of Education shall, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report to the General Assembly on the following:

- (1) existing broadband speeds and connections in all public schools in the State, including capabilities from the main building to classrooms; and
- (2) each local school system's plan to:
 - (i) reach a broadband ~~speed~~ throughput of 1 ~~gigabyte~~ gigabit per 1,000 students for each public school by fiscal year 2020 through public and private efforts; and
 - (ii) offer support and training programs in the use of education technology tools for classroom teachers.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.