HOUSE BILL 242

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Smigiel**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Truancy Reduction Pilot Program – Kent County

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Kent County; making certain provisions relating to a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in certain counties applicable to Kent County; and generally relating to a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8C–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8C–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–8C–01.

This subtitle applies only:

(1) In a county in which the circuit administrative judge has established a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program under § 3–8C–02 of this subtitle; and

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

(2) To the extent that funds are provided in an annual State budget for a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program.

3–8C–02.

(a) (1) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the First Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in one or more of the juvenile courts in Dorchester County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

(2) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile **[**court**]** **COURTS** in **KENT COUNTY AND** Talbot County.

(3) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Harford County.

(4) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Seventh Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Prince George's County.

(b) After consultation with the administrative judges of the first, second, third, and seventh circuits, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may accept a gift or grant to implement the pilot programs in each respective circuit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.