

**HB0978/483821/1**

BY: Senator Hershey

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 978  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 5, after “Act;” insert “making this Act contingent on the enactment of similar consolidated state accountability education plans by certain states; requiring the Department to monitor enactment by certain other states; directing the Secretary of State to send copies of this Act to the presiding officers of both Houses of the legislature of certain states with a request that each of the states join Maryland in the enactment of certain education accountability plans;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, before line 14, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This Act is contingent on the enactment of a consolidated state plan to improve student outcomes with specified parameters for school quality indicators, comprehensive support and improvement plans, and targeted support and improvement plans from the legislature in each of the following states: Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

(b) The State Department of Education shall monitor the enactment of comprehensive support and improvement plans by the states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut that:

(1) establish a composite score to provide for meaningful differentiation of schools under the school accountability system;

(2) use school quality and academic indicators; and

(Over)

(3) contain academic indicators that may not exceed 55% of the composite score.

(c) The State Department of Education shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 30 days after the contingency in subsection (a) of this section is met. If the notice of the contingency being met is not received by the Department of Legislative Services on or before the date the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 is reauthorized, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of State is directed to send copies of this Act to the presiding officers of both Houses of the legislature of each of the states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, with the request that it be circulated among leaders in the legislative branches of those state governments; and with the further request that each of the states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut join the State of Maryland in the enactment of a consolidated state plan to improve student outcomes with specified parameters for school quality indicators, comprehensive support and improvement plans, and targeted support and improvement plans.”;

and in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.