

Chapter 322

(Senate Bill 485)

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program – Establishment
(Peyton’s Bill)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; authorizing the Governor to include ~~a certain~~ an appropriation to the Program in the State budget; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–124
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–124.

(A) (1) THERE IS A REMOTE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASSROOMS REMOTELY IF IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS NOT POSSIBLE.

(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ~~OF AT LEAST \$500,000~~ TO THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.