

## Chapter 384

**(House Bill 440)**

AN ACT concerning

**Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Expansion Act of 2019**

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing the limit on the number of Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Planning Grants that may be awarded to a local school system in each year; removing the prohibition against~~ limiting the number of new P-TECH Planning Grants being awarded that may be awarded in a certain fiscal year to establish a new P-TECH school until a certain condition is met; ~~repealing~~ altering certain intent language; and generally relating to the Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 7-1803  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY ~~repealing~~ repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Chapter 591 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017  
 Section 2

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

**Article – Education**

7-1803.

(a) (1) There is a P-TECH Planning Grant Program in the State.

(2) The purpose of the P-TECH Planning Grant Program is to provide grants to county boards to plan and develop P-TECH schools in the State.

(b) ~~¶~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2018, no more than one P-TECH Planning Grant may be awarded in a local school system.

(c) ~~¶~~ Funds for the P-TECH Planning Grant Program shall be as provided in the State budget.

¶(d) Beginning in fiscal year ~~2019~~ **2020**, no **MORE THAN THREE** new P-TECH Planning ~~Grant~~ **GRANTS** may be awarded to establish a new P-TECH school until the 2016-2017 cohort of P-TECH students completes the 6-year pathway sequence.¶

### **Chapter 591 of the Acts of 2017**

¶SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that no additional P-TECH school shall be established other than those that receive a P-TECH Planning Grant in fiscal year ~~2017 or 2018~~ **2020** until the P-TECH Program is shown to be successful in preparing students for the workforce or for further postsecondary education.¶

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.**