

HOUSE BILL 1104

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By: **Delegate Wivell**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Virtual School – Feasibility Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a certain
4 feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a certain virtual school;
5 requiring the Department to submit the findings of the feasibility study to the
6 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
7 relating to a statewide virtual school for primary and secondary students in the
8 State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The State Department of Education shall conduct a feasibility study for
12 developing, establishing, and operating a statewide virtual school that:

13 (1) provides primary and secondary education to students throughout the
14 State;

15 (2) delivers classroom instruction to students in a partially or entirely
16 online format; and

17 (3) is supplemental or alternative to in-person learning.

18 (b) On or before December 31, 2021, the Department shall report the findings of
19 the feasibility study to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
20 Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2021.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

