

SENATE BILL 572

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By: **Senators Klausmeier and Stone**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2008

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Law - Truancy Reduction Pilot Program - Baltimore County**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Baltimore County to a certain Truancy Reduction Pilot
4 Program; making certain provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot
5 Programs in certain counties applicable to Baltimore County; providing for the
6 termination of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating
7 to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 3-8C-01 and 3-8C-02
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 7-301(e-1)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Chapter 551 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by
20 Chapter 648 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007
21 Section 3

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23 Chapter 551 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by
24 Chapter 648 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007
25 Section 4

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 3–8C–01.

5 This subtitle applies only in **BALTIMORE COUNTY**, Dorchester County,
6 Harford County, Prince George’s County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, and
7 Worcester County.

8 3–8C–02.

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

12 (2) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit may
13 establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in **BALTIMORE**
14 **COUNTY AND** Harford County.

15 (3) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Seventh Circuit may
16 establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Prince George’s
17 County.

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 7–301.

23 (e–1) (1) This subsection applies only in **BALTIMORE COUNTY**, Dorchester
24 County, Harford County, Prince George’s County, Somerset County, Wicomico County,
25 and Worcester County.

26 (2) A charge under this section may be filed in the juvenile court and
27 assigned to a truancy docket for disposition under Title 3, Subtitle 8C of the Courts
28 Article.

29 (3) (i) For a person with legal custody or care and control of a child
30 at the time of an alleged violation of this section, it is an affirmative defense to a
31 charge under this section that the person made reasonable and substantial efforts to
32 see that the child attended school as required by law but was unable to cause the child
33 to attend school.

