Chapter 49

(House Bill 49)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Truancy Reduction Pilot Program – Talbot County

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Talbot County; making certain provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs in certain counties applicable to Talbot County; and generally relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 3–8C–01 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 3–8C–02 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-8C-01.

This subtitle applies only:

(1) In a county in which the circuit administrative judge has established a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program under § 3–8C–02 of this subtitle; and

(2) To the extent that funds are provided in an annual State budget for a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program.

3-8C-02.

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

(2) THE CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT MAY ESTABLISH A TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM IN THE JUVENILE COURT IN TALBOT COUNTY.

[(2)] (3) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Harford County.

[(3)] (4) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Seventh Circuit may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Prince George's County.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.