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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 532

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Stocksdale” and substitute “Stocksdale, F. Turner, and Walker”; strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Education – Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning – Responsibilities”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “State” in line 7 and substitute “establishing additional responsibilities for the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning; requiring the Advisory Council to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Advisory Council to report certain findings and recommendations to the State Superintendent of Education and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning established under Title 7, Subtitle 10B of the Education Article shall study:

(1) the human, technological, financial, and regulatory resources needed to support a requirement that a student complete a virtual course or a course that blends digital content with traditional classroom instruction to graduate from high school;

(Over)

- (2) the feasibility of establishing virtual schools in the State;
- (3) the feasibility of partnering with institutions of higher education in the State to develop resources to support virtual learning;
- (4) the experiences of other states in establishing virtual and blended schools; and
- (5) any issues relating to virtual learning quality standards and accessibility.

(b) On or before December 1, 2013, the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning shall report its findings and recommendations on the issues studied under subsection (a) of this section to the State Superintendent of Education and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2013.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.