

SENATE BILL 988

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Assessment Report for Broadband**
3 **Capabilities in Public Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to report to the
5 General Assembly on certain matters relating to broadband capabilities in local
6 school systems on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this
7 Act; and generally relating to a report on broadband capabilities in public
8 schools by the State Department of Education.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That, on or before December 1, 2014, the State Department of Education
11 shall, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, report to the
12 General Assembly on the following:

13 (1) existing broadband speeds and connections in all public schools in
14 the State, including capabilities from the main building to classrooms; and

15 (2) each local school system’s plan to:

16 (i) reach a broadband speed of 1 gigabyte per 1,000 students for
17 each public school by fiscal year 2020 through public and private efforts; and

18 (ii) offer support and training programs in the use of education
19 technology tools for classroom teachers.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of
22 December 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
23 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

