

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 446  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Commission on” and substitute “Department of Disabilities – Study of”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “Commission” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Department of Disabilities, in cooperation with the National Federation of the Blind,”; in line 10, strike “certain matters” and substitute “accessibility concepts in computer science, information systems, and information technology programs in higher education”; in the same line, strike “Commission” and substitute “Department”; and strike beginning with “Commission” in line 14 down through “Education” in line 15 and substitute “study of accessibility concepts in computer science, information systems, and information technology programs in higher education”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 7 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Disabilities, in cooperation with the National Federation of the Blind, shall study accessibility concepts in computer science, information systems, and information technology programs in higher education.

(b) As part of the study, the Department shall convene a workgroup that consists of:

(1) provosts, Chief Information Officers, and faculty members in computer science, information systems, and information technology programs in higher education from:

(i) the University System of Maryland;

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- (ii) Morgan State University;
  - (iii) St. Mary's College of Maryland;
  - (iv) private nonprofit institutions of higher education in the State; and
  - (v) community colleges; and
- (2) members who are:
- (i) accessibility experts;
  - (ii) web developers; and
  - (iii) any other individuals with knowledge that would benefit the Department in its study.

On page 3, in lines 8 and 28, strike “(f)” and “(g)”, respectively, and substitute “(c)” and “(d)”, respectively; strike beginning with “Web” in line 8 down through “disabilities” in line 9 and substitute “accessibility means fully and equally accessible to and independently usable by individuals with disabilities so that the individuals are able to acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services as users without disabilities, with substantially equivalent ease of use”; in lines 10, 23, 25, 27, and 28, in each instance, strike “Commission” and substitute “Department”; in lines 12, 14, and 20, in each instance, strike “Web”; in lines 12, 14, and 21, in each instance, after “accessibility” insert “to information technologies”.

On page 4, in line 3, strike “Commission” and substitute “Department”.