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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1041
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Digital Equity for All Act” and substitute “Physical and Digital Infrastructure in the Public Schools – Assessment”; strike beginning with “to” in line 3 down through “Act” in line 13 and substitute “, in cooperation and coordination with certain local school systems, to conduct a certain assessment of certain infrastructure needed for certain reasons on or before a certain date; providing for the contents of a certain assessment; requiring a certain assessment to be submitted to certain committees of the General Assembly in accordance with a certain provision of law on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the physical and digital infrastructure needs of public schools in the State”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 20, insert:

“(a) On or before December 1, 2016, the State Department of Education, in cooperation and coordination with the local school systems in the State, shall conduct an assessment of the physical and digital infrastructure needed to support the integration of digital devices into the State’s education program for all public school students on or before December 31, 2019.

(b) The assessment required under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) a survey of current Internet infrastructure and digital device availability in Maryland’s public schools;

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(2) a cost-estimate of bringing all Maryland public schools up to the level of being able to support one device per student;

(3) any procurement avenues that may prove useful in providing digital devices and related equipment to students across multiple local school systems; and

(4) a cost-estimate of options for providing one device per student, including bring-your-own-device programs.

(c) On or before December 15, 2016, the assessment required under this section shall be submitted in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 19 on page 3, inclusive.