SENATE BILL 651

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By: **Senator Bates**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Virtual Learning Opportunities – Survey and**
3 **Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a survey of the
5   county boards of education to make a certain determination about the use of virtual
6   learning opportunities for students; requiring the Department to submit a certain
7   report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department
8   to develop and adopt certain guidelines and policies regarding the utilization of
9   certain virtual learning opportunities; and generally relating to a survey and report
10   of virtual learning opportunities by the State Department of Education.

11   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13   (a)   The State Department of Education shall conduct a survey of the county
14 boards of education to determine each local school system's current use of virtual learning
15 opportunities for students in the county.

16   (b)   On or before December 1, 2016, the Department shall report to the General
17 Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the current
18 utilization of virtual learning opportunities for students across the State.

19   (c)   Using the results of the survey required under subsection (a) of this section,
20 the Department shall develop and adopt guidelines and policies that enhance the
21 utilization of virtual learning opportunities for all students in the State.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
     [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
     Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
     ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
     amendment.

1   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2   1, 2016.

Approved:

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                                      President of the Senate.

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                                Speaker of the House of Delegates.