

SENATE BILL 485

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CF HB 197

By: Senator Serafini

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program – Establishment**
3 **(Peyton's Bill)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program;
5 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of
6 Education to implement and administer the Program; authorizing the Governor to
7 include a certain appropriation to the Program in the State budget; authorizing the
8 Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Remote
9 Classroom Technology Grant Program.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7-124
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7-124.**

19 **(A) (1) THERE IS A REMOTE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY GRANT**
20 **PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

21 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**
22 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW STUDENTS**
23 **WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASSROOMS REMOTELY IF**
24 **IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS NOT POSSIBLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL**
2 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

3 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE**
4 **PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

5 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
6 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2017.