SENATE BILL 961

By: Senator Jennings (By Request)
Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2019
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public Schools – Instruction in Print and Cursive Handwriting

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to require each public elementary school in the county to provide certain instruction in print and cursive handwriting to students beginning in a certain school year; and generally relating to handwriting instruction in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 4–135
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

4–135.

BEGINNING IN THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION THAT ENABLES STUDENTS TO DEVELOP:

(1) LEGIBLE PRINT HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE THIRD GRADE;
AND

(2) LEGIBLE CURSIVE HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE FIFTH GRADE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.