

HOUSE BILL 522

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to study and make
4 recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the Home and Hospital
5 Teaching Program for Students; requiring the Department to report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General
7 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
8 generally relating to the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The State Department of Education shall:

12 (1) assess whether students receiving instructional services through the
13 Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students are provided with adequate support
14 and instructional time to successfully transition back to a classroom setting;

15 (2) analyze whether local school systems have sufficient staffing to
16 coordinate instructional services for the average number of students in the program in a
17 school system;

18 (3) study whether transition plans for students returning to the classroom
19 should be implemented, and if so, whether it would be viable for school counselors to lead
20 and develop the transition plans for the students;

21 (4) assess whether any transition plans should be reviewed or evaluated by
22 a licensed medical professional before being implemented by the local school system; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) make recommendations regarding any statutory or regulatory changes
2 to the program.

3 (b) On or before December 31, 2020, the State Department of Education shall
4 submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education,
5 and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this
8 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
9 further force and effect.