

SB0610/993024/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 610
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 26, strike “, in consultation with” and substitute “to convene a study group of”; and in line 27, strike “best practices for the provision of virtual education” and substitute “and identify certain information relating to virtual education in the State”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 2, after “ENVIRONMENT” insert “, INCLUDING THE USE OF ONLINE CURRICULUM”.

On page 7, in line 16, after “(F)” insert “(1)”; after line 18, insert:

“(2) THE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WHO MEET THE INTENT OF SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY MORE THAN THE PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE COUNTY BOARD.”;

and in line 32, after “ACTIVITIES” insert “INCLUDING SPORTS”.

On page 8, in line 17, strike “THE” and substitute “AFTER COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, THE”.

On page 10, strike beginning with “SIZE” in line 26 down through “CLASSES” in line 28 and substitute “STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO OF A CLASS IN A VIRTUAL”.

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SCHOOL SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE MEDIAN IN-PERSON CLASS SIZE BY COURSE AND GRADE LEVEL".

On page 21, strike beginning with "2024," in line 27 down through "shall" in line 29 and substitute "2023, the State Department of Education shall convene a study group, including county boards of education, institutions of higher education, public school administrators, parents, teachers, students, and other relevant stakeholders, to"; and in line 30, strike "best practices for the provision of virtual education," and substitute "and identify appropriate next steps in virtual education and leveraging technology and digital learning in the classroom.".

On page 22, in line 18, strike "and"; after line 18, insert:

"(xi) documenting existing resources for virtual schools and programs;

(xii) reviewing models of virtual schools and programs in other states and nations;

(xiii) exploring alternative models and recommending improvements for Maryland virtual schools and programs; and"

and in line 19, strike "(xi)" and substitute "(xiv)".