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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 610  
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 6, in line 24, strike “A” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A”; and after line 29, insert:

“(F) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A VIRTUAL SCHOOL ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDER § 4-109 OF THIS ARTICLE AND APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, INCLUDING A VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN COUNTIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM, MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A VIRTUAL SCHOOL THROUGH THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE APPROVAL OF A VIRTUAL SCHOOL AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF DURING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PERFORMED IN THE BOTTOM 10% OF SCHOOLS AS DETERMINED BY THE METRICS OF THE STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

(3) A VIRTUAL SCHOOL THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ALL AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRTUAL SCHOOLS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.”.

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On pages 21 and 22, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 21 through line 9 on page 22, inclusive.

On page 23, in line 27, strike "5." and substitute "4".