

Chapter 577

(House Bill 1442)

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles – Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs – Report

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Maryland Judiciary, on or before a certain date, to report to the General Assembly certain findings and recommendations concerning Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs~~ altering the contents of a required report on Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs; and generally relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-8C-12
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

~~(a) (1) The Maryland Judiciary shall provide a comprehensive report on the impact and effectiveness of Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs in the State based on:~~

- ~~(i) student GPA;~~
- ~~(ii) graduation rate; and~~
- ~~(iii) truancy rate.~~

~~(2) The report shall make recommendations regarding whether a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program would be effective in the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Baltimore City.~~

~~(b) On or before December 1, 2026, the Maryland Judiciary shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.~~

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**3-8C-12.**

(A) On or before November 1 of each year, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State

Government Article, on each Truancy Reduction Pilot Program established under this subtitle.

(B) THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE NUMBER OF TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE;

(2) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM;

(3) INFORMATION ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN EACH TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTION OF CURRENT TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.