

HB0531/173529/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 531

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Wims**” and substitute “**Wims, Feldmark, Hornberger, Miller, Mireku–North, Vogel, and Young**”; in line 2, before “**Public**” insert “**State Department of Education –**”; in the same line, strike “**Task Force – Establishment**” and substitute “**– Study**”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through the first “and” in line 4 and substitute “**requiring the State Department of Education to**”; in line 5, strike “and in other states”; in line 6, after “competitive” insert “**extracurricular**”; and in line 7, strike “the Public Schools STEM and Robotics Program Task Force” and substitute “**extracurricular STEM and robotics programs**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 1 through line 30 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The State Department of Education shall study the existing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and robotics extracurricular programs currently in place in high schools throughout the State.

(b) (1) In the course of its study, the Department shall examine:

(i) the requirements for administering existing programs;

(ii) the requirements for participation in existing programs;

(iii) funding sources for existing programs; and

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(iv) impediments to establishing a STEM or robotics extracurricular program in a school.

(2) In conducting its study, the Department shall, to the extent practicable, make use of available data.

(c) The Department shall make recommendations on the feasibility of:

(1) adopting a uniform set of standards governing the operation and funding of extracurricular STEM and robotics programs throughout the State;

(2) establishing a competitive extracurricular STEM or robotics program in every public school in the State; and

(3) creating a competitive robotics program as a varsity sport in public high schools throughout the State.

(d) On or before January 1, 2027, the Department shall report on the results of its study and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 3, strike beginning with “It” in line 2 down through the period in line 4.