

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 242
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Student”; in the same line, strike “– Services and Actions Required” and substitute “Services Pilot Program”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “establishing the Multiple Suspensions Services Pilot Program; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to select certain school systems to participate in the Pilot Program; requiring certain county boards of education to select a certain school to participate in the Pilot Program based on certain criteria;”; in line 15, after “plans;” insert “requiring the State Department of Education to reimburse certain county boards for certain expenses; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act;”; in line 15, strike “student suspensions” and substitute “the Multiple Suspensions Services Pilot Program”; and in line 18, strike “7-305(c-1)” and substitute “7-305.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “7-305.” and substitute:

“7-305.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THERE IS A MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.

(Over)

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES AND ACTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS IN A SCHOOL YEAR.

(C) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SELECT TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

(2) A COUNTY BOARD SELECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SELECT, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, ONE SCHOOL THAT HAS A HIGH NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS.”;

in line 3, strike “(C-1)” and substitute “**(D)**”; and in the same line, after “STUDENT” insert “**WHO IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

“(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE A COUNTY BOARD THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST HALF OF THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2009, the Maryland State Department of Education shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding the effectiveness of the Multiple Suspensions Services Pilot Program.”;

in line 13, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in line 14, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2007.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.