

HOUSE BILL 1220

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By: **Delegate Haynes**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secondary Education – Electronic Reader Pilot Program in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Electronic Reader Pilot Program to be
4 implemented in middle and high schools in Baltimore City; requiring the Chief
5 Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to award
6 a grant to the Board for implementation of the Pilot Program; providing for the
7 purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Chief Executive Officer and a
8 certain organization to develop a plan to implement the Pilot Program;
9 requiring the plan to meet certain requirements; providing for the funding of
10 the Pilot Program; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
11 to submit a certain report on or before a certain date and including certain
12 information; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Electronic
13 Reader Pilot Program in Baltimore City.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 7–10B–01 through 7–10B–08 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10B.
17 Electronic Reader Pilot Program in Baltimore City”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 **SUBTITLE 10B. ELECTRONIC READER PILOT PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

24 **7–10B–01.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 **(B) “CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER” MEANS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
4 **OFFICER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.**

5 **(C) “ELECTRONIC READER” MEANS A DEVICE WITH WIRELESS**
6 **CONNECTIVITY FOR DOWNLOADING READING CONTENT, INCLUDING BOOKS,**
7 **NEWSPAPERS, AND PERIODICALS.**

8 **(D) “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE ELECTRONIC READER PILOT**
9 **PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

10 **(E) “PILOT PROGRAM PROVIDER” MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**
11 **THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE**
12 **BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:**

13 **(1) EXCLUSIVELY FOCUSES ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF**
14 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR OTHER**
15 **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS;**

16 **(2) HAS DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING A RANGE OF**
17 **ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND**
18 **SCHOOLS, INCLUDING:**

19 **(I) ASSESSING PERFORMANCE AND THE USE OF**
20 **TECHNOLOGY; AND**

21 **(II) DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS**
22 **TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY;**

23 **(3) HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR**
24 **PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT RELATED TO THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN**
25 **CLASSROOMS AND BY ADMINISTRATORS;**

26 **(4) HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP AN**
27 **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS;**

28 **(5) HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO ASSIST WITH AND**
29 **PROVIDE ON-SITE, HANDS-ON GUIDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**
30 **RECOMMENDATIONS; AND**

1 **(6) HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO CREATE AN ONLINE**
2 **COMMUNITY THAT ALLOWS TEACHERS, PARENTS, POLICYMAKERS, AND OTHER**
3 **STAKEHOLDERS TO COMMUNICATE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT DURING AND**
4 **FOLLOWING THE ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.**

5 **7-10B-02.**

6 **THERE IS AN ELECTRONIC READER PILOT PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE**
7 **CITY.**

8 **7-10B-03.**

9 **THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO**
10 **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN BALTIMORE CITY REQUIRED**
11 **READING LISTS AND READING LIST MATERIALS ON ELECTRONIC READERS IN**
12 **CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIBRARY STAFF OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH**
13 **SCHOOLS.**

14 **7-10B-04.**

15 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-10B-05 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE CHIEF**
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE PILOT PROGRAM PROVIDER, SELECTED BY THE**
17 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE**
18 **PILOT PROGRAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN BALTIMORE**
19 **CITY.**

20 **7-10B-05.**

21 **THE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO:**

22 **(1) BE CAPABLE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED AT A REASONABLE**
23 **COST;**

24 **(2) ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP STUDENTS' FAMILIARITY WITH**
25 **ELECTRONIC READERS AND TRAIN TEACHERS TO INTEGRATE THE USE OF**
26 **ELECTRONIC READERS INTO THEIR CURRICULUM;**

27 **(3) ADD TO THE INCREASED PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENTS**
28 **PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND**

29 **(4) PROVIDE STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INDICATORS**
30 **THAT ILLUSTRATE HOW TEACHERS' FAMILIARITY WITH ELECTRONIC READERS**
31 **AND THE TEACHING RESOURCES THAT MAY BE UTILIZED WITH ELECTRONIC**

1 READERS INCREASES THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE
2 PILOT PROGRAM.

3 **7-10B-06.**

4 ON APPROVAL OF THE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM INTO
5 THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE
7 BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS TO IMPLEMENT THE
8 PILOT PROGRAM.

9 **7-10B-07.**

10 FUNDING FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CARRY OUT THE
11 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12 **7-10B-08.**

13 THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS SHALL ISSUE
14 A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF, AND THE BENEFITS ACCRUED FROM, THE PILOT
15 PROGRAM, TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE
16 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN 2 YEARS
17 FROM THE DATE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARDS A GRANT TO THE
18 BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2012.