

## **Chapter 682**

**(House Bill 1393)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Public Schools – Student Work Product – Claim of Copyright Prohibited**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board of education from claiming ownership rights, property rights, or the copyright to the student work product of certain students in certain public schools; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the prohibition on claiming copyright of student work product in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–128

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Education**

**4–128.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “STUDENT WORK PRODUCT” MEANS THE WORK CREATED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHILE ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

**(2) “STUDENT WORK PRODUCT” INCLUDES:**

**(I) WRITTEN REPORTS, ESSAYS, TESTS, AND HOMEWORK;**

**(II) PERSONAL CLASS NOTES;**

**(III) ART PROJECTS; AND**

**(IV) COMPUTER SOFTWARE.**

**(B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT CLAIM OWNERSHIP RIGHTS, PROPERTY RIGHTS, OR THE COPYRIGHT TO THE STUDENT WORK PRODUCT OF A STUDENT**

**ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**