

SENATE BILL 988

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Assessment Report for Broadband**
3 **Capabilities in Public Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to report to the
5 General Assembly on certain matters relating to broadband capabilities in local
6 school systems on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this
7 Act; and generally relating to a report on broadband capabilities in public
8 schools by the State Department of Education.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That, on or before December 1, 2014, the State Department of Education
11 shall, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report to the
12 General Assembly on the following:

13 (1) existing broadband speeds and connections in all public schools in
14 the State, including capabilities from the main building to classrooms; and

15 (2) each local school system's plan to:

16 (i) reach a broadband ~~speed~~ throughput of 1 ~~gigabyte~~ gigabit
17 per 1,000 students for each public school by fiscal year 2020 through public and
18 private efforts; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (ii) offer support and training programs in the use of education
2 technology tools for classroom teachers.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of
5 December 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
6 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.