

# SENATE BILL 485

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By: ~~Senator Serafini~~ **Senators Serafini, Bates, Nathan-Pulliam, Robinson, Salling,  
Young, and Zucker**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program – Establishment**  
3 **(Peyton’s Bill)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program;  
5 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of  
6 Education to implement and administer the Program; authorizing the Governor to  
7 include ~~a certain~~ an appropriation to the Program in the State budget; authorizing  
8 the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Remote  
9 Classroom Technology Grant Program.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 7–124  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–124.**

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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.



(A) (1) THERE IS A REMOTE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASSROOMS REMOTELY IF IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS NOT POSSIBLE.

(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ~~OF AT LEAST \$500,000~~ TO THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.