

HOUSE BILL 1479

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CF SB 1039

By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Juveniles – Truancy Reduction Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Sixth Circuit to
4 establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Frederick
5 County; and generally relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot programs.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 3–8C–01
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 3–8C–02
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 3–8C–01.

20 This subtitle applies only:

21 (1) In a county in which the circuit administrative judge has established a
22 Truancy Reduction Pilot Program under § 3–8C–02 of this subtitle; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) To the extent that funds are provided in an annual State budget for a
Truancy Reduction Pilot Program.

3-8C-02.

(a) (1) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the First Circuit may establish a
Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in one or more of the juvenile courts in Dorchester
County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

(2) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit may establish
a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile courts in Kent County and Talbot
County.

(3) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit may establish a
Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Harford County.

**(4) THE CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
MAY ESTABLISH A TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM IN THE JUVENILE COURT
IN FREDERICK COUNTY.**

[(4)] (5) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Seventh Circuit may
establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Prince George's
County.

(b) After consultation with the administrative judges of the first, second, third,
SIXTH, and seventh circuits, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland may
accept a gift or grant to implement the pilot programs in each respective circuit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2024.