

CHAPTER 347

(House Bill 710)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Blind and Visually Impaired Students - Instructional Materials

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to ~~establish a certain instructional resource center~~ collaborate with and provide support to the Instructional Resources Center to develop certain procedures to coordinate the statewide availability of certain textbooks and certain supplementary instructional materials that may be accessed using ~~a nonvisual means;~~ certain specialized formats using a certain federal standard; requiring ~~the Department to adopt a certain standard~~ the Department and county boards of education to include a certain provision in certain procurement contracts; providing that certain publishers may not be required to provide electronic copies of certain instructional materials; requiring the State Board of Education to coordinate with the National Instructional Materials Access Center to facilitate the transfer of certain electronic files and certain instructional materials; requiring ~~a certain instructional resource center~~ the Instructional Resources Center to ensure the availability of make reasonable efforts to provide certain materials ~~for~~ to certain students by a certain day each year or as soon as possible thereafter; requiring the Governor to provide a certain appropriation in the annual budget submission beginning in a certain fiscal year; ~~requiring the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to request that certain publishers send certain electronic copies of certain instructional materials to the Library at the request of certain students;~~ authorizing the Library to determine the eligibility of certain students to request and use certain instructional materials; ~~providing that certain publishers may not be required to provide electronic copies of certain instructional materials;~~ requiring certain State agencies to review certain research and recommendations and make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to instructional materials for blind and visually impaired students.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 8-408

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 11-901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Instructional Materials for Blind and Physically Handicapped Students"

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