

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1439.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1439

AN ACT concerning

Education - Educational Technology Pilot Program - Elementary Schools

FOR the purpose of establishing the Educational Technology Pilot Program to be implemented in the elementary schools of certain local jurisdictions in the State; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to certain organizations for implementation of the pilot program; providing for the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the State Superintendent and certain organizations to develop a plan to implement the pilot program; requiring the plan to meet certain requirements; providing for the funding of the pilot program; requiring certain boards of education to submit a certain report on or before a certain date including certain information; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Educational Technology Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 7-904 and 7-905

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-10A-01 through 7-10A-08, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 10A. Educational Technology Pilot Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, With today's wireless and notebook technologies, it is possible for students to work together on a network with Internet access from every desk in every classroom, not just in the computer lab; and

WHEREAS, The best time to introduce students to computer technology is in elementary school, so that their acquaintance with how computers operate can form a solid foundation for their future needs; and