

CHAPTER 457

(Senate Bill 226)

AN ACT concerning

**Education - Technology for Education Program - ~~Nonvisual Access~~
Equivalent Access for Students with Disabilities**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Superintendent of Education and the Department of Business and Economic Development to include a certain clause in any contract or grant awarded under the Technology for Education Program; ~~specifying requirements that are to be included in the clause; specifying certain alternatives~~ requiring the State and each local school system to ensure that equivalent access standards are included in certain grant and procurement contract specifications and in certain guidelines concerning certain instructional products; requiring the State or local school system, after evaluating certain products, to select certain products that meet certain specifications; providing for an exemption from the required selection of certain products that meet certain standards; requiring the State or a local school system to implement certain alternative methods of instruction under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Department of Education to monitor compliance with certain requirements and report to the General Assembly each year on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act to certain technology; and generally relating to certain requirements regarding technology that is developed or obtained for classroom use in certain schools the provision of equivalent access to technology in the Technology for Education Program for students with disabilities.

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to

Article - Education

Section ~~7-901 and 8-408~~ 7-910

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