

CHAPTER 317

(Senate Bill 268)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Blind and Print Disabled Students - Instructional Materials

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to convene a certain committee on or before a certain date; providing for the membership of the committee; requiring a certain number of the members of the committee to be blind or print disabled; requiring the committee to establish certain ~~procedures~~ guidelines to facilitate the delivery of certain materials to certain students in certain formats; establishing the duties of the Committee; providing for the termination of the Committee; providing for the content of certain guidelines; authorizing the Library to determine certain eligibility of certain students to make certain requests; requiring the Library to make certain requests to certain publishers regarding the provision of certain instructional materials; providing certain publishers a certain period of time to respond to certain requests; requiring certain publishers to indicate certain information to the Library; exempting certain publishers from certain requirements of this Act; requiring a certain electronic format to have certain characteristics; requiring a publisher to submit a certain electronic format containing certain characteristics under certain circumstances; providing for the content of a certain request to a certain publisher; requiring certain publishers to provide the Library with certain material at no cost and in a timely manner; authorizing certain publishers to request a copy of a certain agreement containing certain information; establishing certain technological security requirements for certain material by certain persons; requiring certain persons to make a request of certain publishers using a certain procedure; exempting certain persons from certain request procedures; authorizing an institution to assist certain students in transcribing certain materials into a braille copy; providing that certain institutions have a right to share a certain braille copy with certain students at the institution; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget submission a certain appropriation beginning in a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter; providing for the application of this Act; providing that certain publishers may not be required to perform certain acts that may constitute infringement of a copyright or provide certain electronic formats under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Library to consult and coordinate with the State Department of Education to facilitate the utilization of certain equipment and staff for certain purposes; and generally relating to instructional materials for blind or print disabled students.