

## Senate Bill No. 389

AN ACT concerning

**Education – ~~Blind and Visually Impaired Students~~ Persons – Literacy**

~~FOR the purpose of requiring the use of a certain presumption consideration in the development of individualized education programs for blind and visually impaired children; prohibiting the denial of an opportunity for certain instruction in braille reading and writing under certain circumstances; authorizing the provision of certain reading and writing media to certain children under certain circumstances; making a certain exception; authorizing the provision of alternative media instruction under certain circumstances without prejudice to certain rights of certain individuals; requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board and the State Board of Education to develop certain standards; requiring the State Department of Education to develop certain procedures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of certain literacy rights of blind and visually impaired students in public schools in the State.~~

BY adding to

Article — Education

Section ~~8-3A-01 through 8-3A-05, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Literacy Rights and Education of Blind and Visually Impaired Students” 8-418.1, 8-418.2, 8-418.3, 8-418.4, and 8-418.5~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

~~(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)~~

FOR the purpose of establishing the Blind Student’s Literacy Rights and Education Act; creating a presumption that proficiency in certain skills is essential to the literacy of blind and visually impaired students; providing for strengthening requirements in certain skills for candidates for certification or recertification; providing for the coordination of teaching materials in nonvisually accessible media; and generally relating to the education of blind students.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8-311

Annotated Code of Maryland

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