

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 1055**

LCO No. 5526

AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Commissioner of
2 Education shall designate an employee of the Department of
3 Education, preferably an employee who has experience working with
4 gifted and talented students, to be responsible for providing
5 information and assistance to local and regional boards of education
6 and the parents or guardians of students relating to the awareness and
7 identification of, and the provision of services to, gifted and talented
8 children.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall
10 study the provision of services to gifted and talented students in
11 schools. Such study shall examine the best practices for (1) addressing
12 the intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented
13 students in schools, and (2) using technology to extend and advance
14 curriculum materials to provide instruction to gifted and talented
15 students without promoting such students to higher grade levels. Not
16 later than January 1, 2016, the department shall submit a report on its
17 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
19 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general

20 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section