

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5337**

LCO No. 2625

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall,
2 within available appropriations, conduct a feasibility study on the use
3 and expansion of virtual learning and distance learning in the state.
4 Such feasibility study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
5 examination of (1) existing virtual learning centers and distance
6 learning opportunities, (2) the courses and programs offered by such
7 virtual learning centers or distance learning opportunities, and
8 whether the content of such courses and programs are rigorous and
9 aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of
10 Education, (3) how many school districts are implementing virtual
11 learning or distance learning, and (4) school district capabilities to
12 implement virtual learning or distance learning, including any
13 limitations on implementation. Not later than January 1, 2019, the
14 Department of Education shall submit a report on its findings and
15 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in
17 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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