SENATE BILL 278

By: **Senator Colburn**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2011
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Juvenile Law – Truancy Reduction Pilot Program – Talbot County**

3   FOR the purpose of authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second
4   Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in
5   Talbot County; making certain provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot
6   Programs in certain counties applicable to Talbot County; and generally
7   relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

8   BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10   Section 3–8C–01
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
15   Section 3–8C–02
16   Annotated Code of Maryland
17   (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

21 3–8C–01.

22   This subtitle applies only:

23   (1)   In a county in which the circuit administrative judge has
24 established a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program under § 3–8C–02 of this subtitle; and

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EXPLANATION: **Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.**
        [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (2)   To the extent that funds are provided in an annual State budget
2 for a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program.

3 3–8C–02.

4   (a)   (1)   The Circuit Administrative Judge of the First Circuit may
5 establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in one or more of the juvenile courts in
6 Dorchester County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

7   **(2)   THE CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE SECOND**
8 **CIRCUIT MAY ESTABLISH A TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM IN THE**
9 **JUVENILE COURT IN TALBOT COUNTY.**

10   **[**(2)**] (3)**   The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit may
11 establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Harford County.

12   **[**(3)**] (4)**   The Circuit Administrative Judge of the Seventh Circuit
13 may establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Prince
14 George's County.

15   (b)   After consultation with the administrative judges of the first, **SECOND,**
16 third, and seventh circuits, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may accept a gift
17 or grant to implement the pilot programs in each respective circuit.

18   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2011.