
By: **Senators Kittleman, Brinkley, Greenip, Haines, Harris, Jacobs, and Mooney**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education - Graduation Requirements - Student Service**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring student
4 service as a condition of graduation; authorizing a local school system to
5 implement a student service program for certain students; and generally
6 relating to the prohibition of student service as a graduation requirement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 2-205(h)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 2-205.

16 (h) (1) [With] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITH the
17 advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall establish basic policy and
18 guidelines for the program of instruction for the public schools.

19 (2) (I) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE STUDENT SERVICE AS A
20 CONDITION OF GRADUATION.

21 (II) A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY IMPLEMENT A STUDENT
22 SERVICE PROGRAM IN WHICH STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE AS AN
23 ELECTIVE.

24 (3) The policy and guidelines shall be printed in sufficient quantities to
25 provide copies to:

26 (i) Public school officials and teachers;

1 (ii) Private schools; and

2 (iii) Interested citizens of this State.

3 [(3)] (4) The State Board of Education shall require the establishment of
4 criteria in each county for the selection of applicants for enrollment in public
5 secondary school career and technology education programs. Enrollment criteria
6 developed for this purpose shall ensure equal access to programs.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2003.