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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Interstate Transfer of Military Personnel Dependents -**  
3 **Reciprocity Agreements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to pursue reciprocity  
5 agreements with other states regarding the terms of transfer of school-aged  
6 student dependents of military personnel to or from the public schools of this  
7 State; requiring reciprocity agreements to include certain procedures; requiring  
8 the State Board to submit a certain report including certain information to  
9 certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating  
10 to reciprocity agreements facilitating the interstate transfer of dependents of  
11 military personnel to and from public schools.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Education  
14 Section 7-115  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 7-115.

21 (A) TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENT DEPENDENTS  
22 OF MILITARY PERSONNEL TO AND FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, THE  
23 STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES  
24 REGARDING THE TERMS OF THOSE STUDENT TRANSFERS.

25 (B) A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR:

- 26 (1) THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS;
- 27 (2) AWARDING CREDIT FOR COMPLETED COURSE WORK;

1           (3)     ALLOWING A STUDENT TO SATISFY THE GRADUATION  
2 REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-205 OF THIS TITLE THROUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF  
3 COMPARABLE COURSES IN ANOTHER STATE; AND

4           (4)     ALLOWING A STUDENT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
5 MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS THROUGH SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE ON  
6 COMPARABLE EXIT-LEVEL OR HIGH STANDARD ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED IN  
7 ANOTHER STATE.

8     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,  
9 2005, the State Board of Education shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation  
10 Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the  
11 House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in  
12 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of its efforts  
13 to enter into the reciprocity agreements. For each state with which the State Board  
14 did not enter into a reciprocity agreement, the report shall include:

15           (1)     a detailed description of the State Board's efforts to reach an  
16 agreement; and

17           (2)     an explanation of each factor contributing to the failure to reach an  
18 agreement.

19     SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2004.