

# HOUSE BILL 519

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public High Schools – Graduation Requirements – Weighted Numerical**  
3 **Assessment System**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to establish a certain  
5 weighted numerical assessment system to calculate a certain score that certain  
6 students are required to achieve to graduate from certain schools; requiring a  
7 certain assessment system to include certain categories that may not be outside  
8 certain ranges of certain percentage values of a certain total score; and  
9 generally relating to an assessment system for calculating achievement of high  
10 school graduation requirements.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–205  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 7–205.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**  
2 **THE** promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public high school  
3 shall be in accordance with:

4 (1) Policies established by the county board; and

5 (2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

6 **(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A WEIGHTED**  
7 **NUMERICAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO CALCULATE A TOTAL SCORE THAT**  
8 **STUDENTS SHALL ACHIEVE TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE**  
9 **STATE.**

10 **(2) (I) THE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REQUIRED UNDER THIS**  
11 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE CATEGORIES FOR EXAMINATIONS OR**  
12 **ASSESSMENTS, ATTENDANCE, AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE.**

13 **(II) THE TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE OF THE CATEGORY FOR**  
14 **EXAMINATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 50% AND NOT MORE**  
15 **THAN 60% OF THE TOTAL SCORE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**

16 **(III) THE TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE OF THE CATEGORY FOR**  
17 **ATTENDANCE MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 10% AND NOT MORE THAN 20% OF THE**  
18 **TOTAL SCORE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**

19 **(IV) THE TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE OF THE CATEGORY FOR**  
20 **GRADE POINT AVERAGE SHALL BE THE REMAINDER OF THE TOTAL SCORE THAT**  
21 **IS NOT CALCULATED BASED ON EXAMINATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS OR**  
22 **ATTENDANCE.**

23 **(3) A TOTAL SCORE OF 60 OR ABOVE CALCULATED UNDER THE**  
24 **ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE**  
25 **CONSIDERED A PASSING SCORE.**

26 **[(b)](C) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall**  
27 **receive the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended**  
28 **or the course taken.**

29 **(2) The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has**  
30 **completed a program of studies satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of**  
31 **the State Board.**

32 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
33 **July 1, 2008.**