

# SENATE BILL 537

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By: **Senators Shank, Ferguson, Rosapepe, and Young**  
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education – Online Courses – Graduation Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a student to complete an online course to graduate from  
4 high school, beginning with students entering a certain grade in a certain school  
5 year; requiring that certain online courses be approved by the State Department  
6 of Education or the local county board of education; and generally relating to  
7 high school graduation requirements in the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education  
10 Section 7–205.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7–205.1.**

17 **(A) BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE 2015–2016**  
18 **SCHOOL YEAR, TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL A STUDENT SHALL**  
19 **COMPLETE AN ONLINE COURSE.**

20 **(B) THE COURSE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**  
21 **SHALL BE AN ONLINE COURSE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A COUNTY**  
22 **BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER § 7–1002 OF THIS TITLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2013.