HOUSE BILL 764

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By: **Delegate McDonough**
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Education – Academic Standards and Curriculum – Common Core State Standards Implementation Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from taking certain actions to implement or direct the State Department of Education to implement or require a local education agency to implement certain State standards and curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards; requiring the State Board to implement certain academic standards and curriculum on or after a certain date; requiring the State Board to adopt certain college and career readiness educational standards that meet certain criteria and align with certain expectations on or before a certain date; requiring the State Board to implement certain academic standards to the extent necessary to comply with certain federal requirements; providing that the State shall retain sole control over the development and revision of certain academic standards; prohibiting the State from joining any consortium, organization, entity, group, or any other association that cedes certain control or autonomy over certain academic standards or assessments of academic content standards; requiring the State to initiate a certain procedure for the withdrawal of the State from membership in a certain organization; prohibiting the State Board and the State Superintendent of Schools from entering into or expending funds to further commitments relating to the federal Race to the Top program; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to prohibiting the implementation of the Common Core State Standards relating to Academic Content Standards and Curriculum.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after July 1, 2014, the State Board of Education may not take any further actions to implement as academic standards and curriculum for the State or direct the State Department of

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Education to implement or require any local education agency to implement Maryland's College and Career–Ready Standards and the Maryland Common Core Curriculum Framework based on the Common Core State Standards.

(2) On or after July 1, 2014, the State Board shall implement as academic standards and curriculum for the State the Maryland Content Standards and Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum in use prior to the adoption of Maryland's College and Career–Ready Standards and the Maryland Common Core Curriculum Framework based on the Common Core State Standards.

(b) (1) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board shall adopt college and career readiness educational standards that meet national and international benchmarks for college and career readiness standards that align with postsecondary educational expectations.

(2) (i) The State Board shall implement academic standards that use Common Core State Standards as the base model for academic standards to the extent necessary to comply with federal standards to receive a flexibility waiver under 20 U.S.C. 7861 but may not adopt or implement any of the content standards developed by the Common Core State Standards initiative, including:

1. the Next Generation Science Standards;

2. the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies;

3. the National Health Education Standards;

4. the National Sexuality Education Standards; or

5. any other academic content standards developed by the Common Core State Standards in a subject commonly taught in schools.

(ii) The State shall retain sole control over the development and revision of academic content standards and curriculum established in accordance with this section.

(iii) The State Board may not join any consortium, organization, entity, group, or any other association that cedes any control or autonomy to any person outside the State relating to academic content standards or assessments of academic content standards.

(c) On or before July 1, 2014, the State Board and the State Superintendent of Schools:

(1) shall initiate the procedure set forth in the memorandum of understanding between the State and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers to withdraw the State from the Partnership; and

(2) may not enter into any further commitments or expend any funds to further commitments relating to the federal Race to the Top Program.

(d) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.