SENATE BILL 806
F1, F5

By: Senators Simonaire, Bates, Cassilly, Hough, Kagan, Montgomery, Nathan–Pulliam, Norman, Salling, Waugh, and Young
Introduction and read first time: February 19, 2015
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Education – High School Assessment – Government

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to include in the graduation requirements for public high schools a requirement that each student take a standardized government high school assessment; requiring, beginning with a certain school year, the government high school assessment to include a certain number of questions used for the civics portion of a certain naturalization test; and generally relating to graduation requirements for public high schools and the high school assessment for government.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–205.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–205.1(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–205.1.
(a) The State Board shall establish high school curriculum and graduation requirements for all public schools in accordance with this section.

(F) (1) The graduation requirements established by the State Board for public high schools shall require each student to take a standardized government high school assessment.

(2) Beginning with the 2016–2017 school year, the government high school assessment shall include at least 10 of the 100 questions used for the civics portion of the naturalization test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.