

SENATE BILL 794

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senators Jennings, Kagan, Klausmeier, Waugh, Young, ~~and Zucker~~
Zucker, and Salling**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to
4 a ~~random~~ representative sample of certain kindergarten students from within
5 certain local school systems in the State, subject to a certain exception; authorizing
6 a certain kindergarten assessment to evaluate certain skills; authorizing certain
7 county boards of education and certain principals and teachers to administer a
8 certain statewide kindergarten assessment under certain circumstances; prohibiting
9 ~~certain standardized tests~~ a statewide kindergarten assessment from being
10 administered to certain prekindergarten students, subject to a certain exception;
11 requiring the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; declaring
12 the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the administration of
13 prekindergarten and kindergarten assessments.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – Education
 3 Section 7–208
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 **7–208.**

10 (A) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
 11 STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT THAT IS ADMINISTERED WITH THE
 12 PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL READINESS:

13 (1) SHALL BE LIMITED TO A ~~RANDOM~~ REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, AS
 14 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FROM WITHIN
 15 EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

16 (2) MAY INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF:

17 (I) LANGUAGE AND LITERACY SKILLS;

18 (II) ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND
 19 SOCIAL STUDIES;

20 (III) PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

21 (IV) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

22 (B) ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT~~
 23 ~~EXECUTED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 4 OR SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE OR AN~~
 24 ~~AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING AGREEMENT, A~~ A PRINCIPAL AND A TEACHER WHO
 25 ARE IN MUTUAL AGREEMENT, OR A COUNTY BOARD, MAY ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE
 26 KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL
 27 READINESS IF:

28 (1) THE ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED ~~BEFORE THE FIRST FULL DAY~~
 29 ~~OF KINDERGARTEN~~ ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1; AND

30 (2) THE AGGREGATE RESULTS ARE RETURNED WITHIN 45 DAYS
 31 AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT.

1 ~~(B)~~ (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
2 SUBSECTION, A ~~STANDARDIZED TEST~~ STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT MAY
3 NOT BE ADMINISTERED TO A ~~AN ENROLLED~~ PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT.

4 (2) A ~~STANDARDIZED TEST~~ STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT
5 MAY BE ADMINISTERED TO AN ENROLLED PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT BY A
6 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OR OTHER SCHOOL-BASED PROFESSIONAL WHO INTENDS
7 TO USE THE RESULTS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY A DISABILITY.

8 ~~(C)~~ (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
9 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
11 Assembly that a teacher who administers a statewide kindergarten assessment in
12 accordance with § 7-208(b) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, be
13 paid for the time worked in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement executed
14 under Title 6, Subtitle 4 or 5 of the Education Article.

15 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.