

SENATE BILL 794

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CF HB 657

By: **Senators Jennings, Kagan, Klausmeier, Waugh, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

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 sample of certain kindergarten students from within certain local school
5 systems in the State; authorizing a certain kindergarten assessment to evaluate
6 certain skills; prohibiting certain standardized tests from being administered to
7 certain prekindergarten students; requiring the State Department of Education to
8 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the administration of
9 prekindergarten and kindergarten assessments.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–208

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–208.**

19 **(A) A STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT THAT IS ADMINISTERED**
20 **WITH THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL READINESS:**

21 **(1) SHALL BE LIMITED TO A RANDOM SAMPLE OF KINDERGARTEN**
22 **STUDENTS FROM WITHIN EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND**

23 **(2) MAY INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(I) LANGUAGE AND LITERACY SKILLS;**
- 2 **(II) ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND**
3 **SOCIAL STUDIES;**
- 4 **(III) PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT; AND**
- 5 **(IV) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
- 6 **(B) A STANDARDIZED TEST MAY NOT BE ADMINISTERED TO A**
7 **PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT.**
- 8 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
9 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**
- 10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2016.