

SENATE BILL 582

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Public School System – Magnet Program – Selection of**
3 **Students for Admission to Middle School**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County Public School System to establish an
5 assessment process to evaluate the academic achievement and readiness of
6 applicants for admission to a middle school magnet program in the Baltimore County
7 Public School System and to include only those applicants who demonstrate high
8 academic achievement and readiness for enrollment in a magnet program in the
9 lottery that selects students to be admitted to a middle school magnet program;
10 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Public School
11 System middle school magnet program.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 8–205
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **8–205.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MAGNET PROGRAM” MEANS A THEME–RELATED**
22 **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC**
23 **SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IS NOT AVAILABLE AS A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM**
2 **OPTION;**

3 **(2) SERVES AS AN INCUBATOR FOR INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL**
4 **PRACTICES;**

5 **(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE-RATED SCHOOL BUILDING**
6 **CAPACITY, DRAWS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS STUDENT ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES;**
7 **AND**

8 **(4) IS ACCESSED THROUGH A CENTRALIZED STUDENT APPLICATION**
9 **AND ADMISSION PROCESS.**

10 **(B) THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL:**

11 **(1) ESTABLISH AN ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO EVALUATE THE**
12 **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND READINESS OF EACH STUDENT APPLYING FOR**
13 **ADMISSION TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAM; AND**

14 **(2) INCLUDE ONLY THOSE APPLICANTS WHO DEMONSTRATE HIGH**
15 **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND READINESS FOR ENROLLMENT IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL**
16 **MAGNET PROGRAM IN THE LOTTERY FOR THE SELECTION OF THE STUDENTS TO BE**
17 **OFFERED ADMISSION TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAM.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2017.