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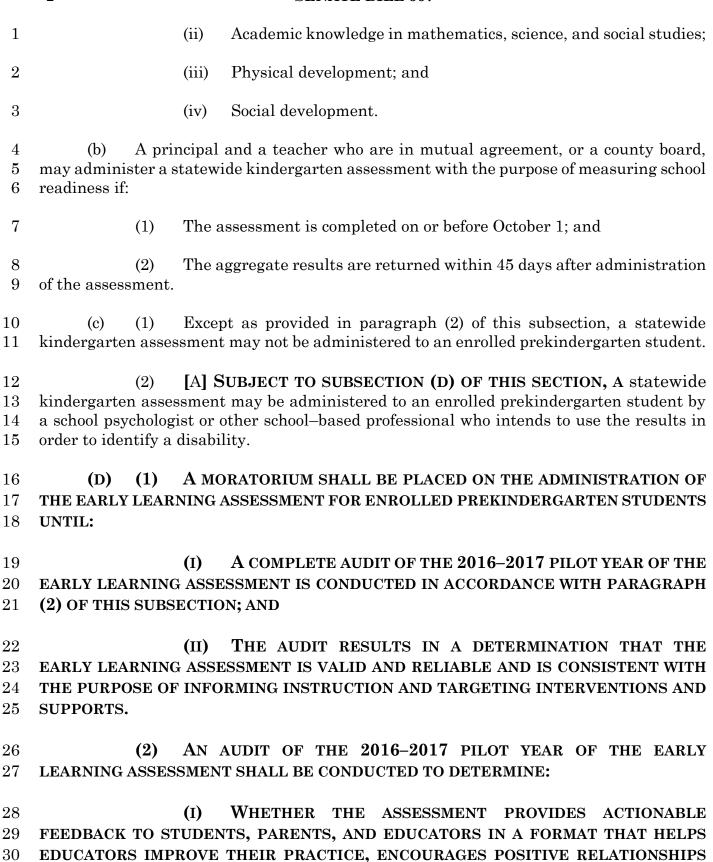
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Education – Prekindergarten Student Assessment – Moratorium
3 4 5 6	FOR the purpose of placing a moratorium on the assessment of prekindergarten students until a certain audit of the pilot year of the assessment results in certain determinations; and generally relating to a moratorium on the assessment of prekindergarten students.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 7–210 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article – Education
15	7–210.
16 17	(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a statewide kindergarter assessment that is administered with the purpose of measuring school readiness:
18 19 20	(1) Shall be limited to a representative sample, as determined by the Department, of kindergarten students from within each local school system in the State and
21	(2) May include an evaluation of:
22	(i) Language and literacy skills;



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BETWEEN THE PARTIES, AND HELPS INFORM INSTRUCTION FOR EDUCATORS;

1	(II) WHETHER EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS USE
2	ASSESSMENT DATA TO IMPROVE AND DIFFERENTIATE INSTRUCTION;
3	(III) WHETHER THERE IS ANY REDUNDANCY OR DUPLICATION
4	WITH ASSESSMENTS ALREADY REQUIRED AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL
5	LEVELS;
6 7	(IV) THE AMOUNT OF TIME TEACHERS SPEND ADMINISTERING, COLLECTING, AND ENTERING DATA;
8	(V) THE WORKLOAD IMPACT ON EDUCATORS;
9	(VI) THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
10	CLASSROOM IN ORDER TO COLLECT AND ENTER DATA; AND
11	(VII) ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION.
12 13	[(d)] (E) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

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

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