

HOUSE BILL 617

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Assessments – Administration by Public School Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain principals to select certain employees to administer
4 certain assessments; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the
5 administration of assessments in public schools.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–203.3

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 7–203.3.

15 (a) (1) In this section, “assessment” means a locally, State, or federally
16 mandated test that is intended to measure a student’s academic readiness, learning
17 progress, and skill acquisition.

18 (2) “Assessment” does not include a teacher–developed quiz or test.

19 (b) This section does not apply to an assessment or test given to a student relating
20 to:

21 (1) A student’s 504 plan;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §
2 1400; or

3 (3) Federal law relating to English language learners.

4 **(C) THE PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY SELECT ANY EMPLOYEE TO**
5 **ADMINISTER AN ASSESSMENT.**

6 **[(c)] (D)** For each assessment administered in a local school system, each county
7 board shall provide the following information:

8 (1) The title of the assessment;

9 (2) The purpose of the assessment;

10 (3) Whether the assessment is mandated by a local, State, or federal entity;

11 (4) The grade level or subject area, as appropriate, to which the test is
12 administered;

13 (5) The testing window of the assessment; and

14 (6) Whether accommodations are available for students with special needs
15 and what the accommodations are.

16 **[(d)] (E)** On or before October 15 of each year, the information required under
17 subsection **[(c)] (D)** of this section shall be:

18 (1) Updated;

19 (2) Posted on the [Web site] **WEBSITE** of the county board; and

20 (3) Included in the annual update of the county board's master plan
21 required under § 5-401 of this article.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2018.