

SENATE BILL 479

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By: **Senators Rosapepe, Bates, Conway, Ferguson, Kagan, Nathan–Pulliam, Reilly, Robinson, Salling, Simonaire, Waugh, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **High School Credit for College Courses Act of 2018**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to award certain elective credit
4 to a high school student who successfully completes a certain college course;
5 requiring a certain institution of postsecondary education to make a certain
6 certification that a certain course meets a specific high school graduation
7 requirement; establishing certain procedures for the State Department of Education
8 to make a certain determination relating to a certain certification; requiring a county
9 board to award certain credit required for graduation to a high school student who
10 successfully completes a certain college course; requiring the Department to
11 maintain a certain publicly available list on a certain website; defining certain terms;
12 and generally relating to awarding high school credit for a completed college course.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–211

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–211.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
23 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “COLLEGE COURSE” MEANS:**

2 **(I) A COURSE TAKEN AT AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY**
3 **EDUCATION; OR**

4 **(II) A COURSE RECOGNIZED FOR CREDIT BY AN INSTITUTION OF**
5 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE THROUGH AN APPROVED DIRECT**
6 **CREDIT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AS DEFINED IN COMAR 13A.04.02.02.**

7 **(3) “INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION” HAS THE**
8 **MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9 **(B) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL AWARD A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ELECTIVE**
10 **CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ANY COLLEGE COURSE FOR WHICH THE**
11 **STUDENT RECEIVES COLLEGE CREDIT FROM AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY**
12 **EDUCATION.**

13 **(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO COLLEGE COURSES FOR WHICH A**
14 **STUDENT SEEKS CREDIT TO MEET A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

15 **(2) THE INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OFFERING**
16 **THE COLLEGE COURSE SHALL:**

17 **(I) CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE COLLEGE**
18 **COURSE, IN THE INSTITUTION’S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, MEETS A SPECIFIC**
19 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT; AND**

20 **(II) IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**
21 **REQUIREMENT THAT THE COLLEGE COURSE WILL MEET.**

22 **(3) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A COLLEGE COURSE**
23 **CERTIFICATION BY AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN**
24 **ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY**
25 **DETERMINE THAT THE COLLEGE COURSE DOES NOT MEET A SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL**
26 **GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

27 **(4) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COLLEGE**
28 **COURSE DOES NOT MEET A SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**
29 **WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATION, THE COLLEGE**
30 **COURSE IS DEEMED TO SATISFY THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

31 **(5) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE COLLEGE COURSE**
32 **DOES NOT MEET A SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, THE**

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY:

2 (I) SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE COLLEGE COURSE THAT WOULD
3 BE NECESSARY TO MEET THE SPECIFIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENT; AND

4 (II) THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE
5 CHANGES TO THE COLLEGE COURSE THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE SPECIFIC
6 GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

7 (D) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL AWARD A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CREDIT
8 THAT IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION IF:

9 (1) THE STUDENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COLLEGE
10 COURSE AT AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT DETERMINED THAT THE COLLEGE
12 COURSE DOES NOT MEET A SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

13 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE LIST ON
14 THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OF COLLEGE COURSES THAT SATISFY A SPECIFIC
15 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2018.