

SENATE BILL 562

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By: **Senator Zucker**

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CHAPTER _____

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; requiring a local superintendent to review and approve a
5 principal's employee selection for administering a certain assessment before the
6 assessment is administered; making a certain stylistic change; and generally
7 relating to the administration of assessments in public schools.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–203.3
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 7–203.3.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) "Assessment" does not include a teacher-developed quiz or test.

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

4 (1) A student's 504 plan;

5 (2) The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §
6 1400; or

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

8 (c) ~~THE (1)~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
9 PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY SELECT ANY EMPLOYEE TO ADMINISTER AN
10 ASSESSMENT.

11 (2) THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE
12 PRINCIPAL'S SELECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEFORE THE
13 ASSESSMENT IS ADMINISTERED.

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

16 (1) The title of the assessment;

17 (2) The purpose of the assessment;

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) Updated;

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.