

**By: Delegate Greenip**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Graduation from Public High School - Prohibition of Community Service**  
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring students to  
5 perform community service as a condition of graduation from a public high school in  
6 the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 7-204  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-204.

16 (a) The promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public  
17 high school shall be in accordance with:

18 (1) Policies established by the county board; and

19 (2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

20 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE STATE BOARD  
21 MAY NOT REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A  
22 CONDITION OF GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

23 (c) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive the  
24 same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the course  
25 taken.

26 (2) The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has completed a  
27 program of studies satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of the State Board.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 1996.