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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Graduation From Public High School - Community Service Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the county boards of education in the State, and the
4 Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, to choose whether or not
5 students shall perform community service as a condition of graduation from a public
6 high school.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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 7-205.

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, A COUNTY BOARD
21 MAY CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT A STUDENT AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
22 COUNTY SHALL PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A CONDITION OF GRADUATION.

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 July 1, 1997.