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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning
Education - Public Schools - Promotion of Students

FOR the purpose of establishing certain criteria for the promotion of a student to the 4 next grade level in a public school; and generally relating to promotion of public school students.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Education
Section 7-205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume)
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Education

14 7-205.

15 (a) The promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public
16 high school shall be in accordance with:
17 (1) Policies established by the county board; and
(2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.
(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE PROMOTION 20 OF STUDENTS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL SHALL BE BASED 1 SOLELY ON THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCY.
[(b)] (C) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive 24 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the course taken.
(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.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

