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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Graduation From a Public High School - Community**  
3 **Service Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to  
5 choose whether or not students shall perform community service as a condition  
6 of graduation from a public 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 and 1997 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 7-205.

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

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

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

4       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
5 effect July 1, 1998.