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By: **Delegate Benson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Evaluation of Students - Parental Involvement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each public school student, the student's parent or  
4 guardian, and a representative of the school to develop a certain action plan at  
5 the beginning of each school year or upon admission of a new student; requiring  
6 certain statements and agreements in an action plan; requiring the attendance  
7 of certain individuals at specified meetings and conferences; authorizing a  
8 school board to obtain a court order under certain circumstances; and generally  
9 relating to the evaluation of students in public schools.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 7-208

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 7-208.

19 (A) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, OR UPON ADMISSION OF A  
20 NEW STUDENT TO A SCHOOL, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE  
21 STUDENT, AND THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN SHALL DEVELOP AN ACTION  
22 PLAN THAT SPECIFIES THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARENT OR  
23 GUARDIAN AND THE STUDENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE  
24 ACTION PLAN MUST INCLUDE:

25 (1) A STATEMENT OF THE STUDENT'S LEARNING AND BEHAVIORAL  
26 OBJECTIVES;

27 (2) A STATEMENT OF THE LEARNING AND BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES OF  
28 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE STUDENT;

1           (3)     AN AGREEMENT BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO ATTEND  
2 SPECIFIED MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES FOR TEACHER REVIEW OF THE  
3 STUDENT'S PROGRESS IN ALL LEARNING AND BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES; AND

4           (4)     ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN  
5 UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IMPOSED BY THE  
6 AGREEMENT REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES AND  
7 ASSISTANCE IN MEETING OTHER OBJECTIVES DEFINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD TO  
8 AID THE STUDENT'S INTELLECTUAL AND BEHAVIORAL GROWTH AND  
9 DEVELOPMENT.

10        (B)     (1)     A COUNTY BOARD MAY OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FROM A DISTRICT  
11 COURT IN THE COUNTY REQUIRING A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLY WITH AN  
12 AGREEMENT MADE UNDER THIS SECTION.

13           (2)     A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO VIOLATES A COURT ORDER ISSUED  
14 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PUNISHED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

15        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 1999.