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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - High School Graduation - Eligibility Based on Passage of**
3 **Standardized Tests Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education or a county board of
5 education from making a student's eligibility to graduate from a public high
6 school and receive a high school diploma conditional on the student's passage of
7 certain tests; providing that the promotion and graduation of certain students
8 shall be in accordance with State law; and generally relating to the passage of
9 certain standardized tests and a student's eligibility to graduate from a public
10 high school and receive a high school diploma.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 7-205
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 7-205.

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

22 (1) STATE LAW;

23 (2) Policies established by the county board; and

24 [(2)] (3) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

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

1 (2) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
2 diploma or certificate shall state that the student has completed a program of studies
3 satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of the State Board.

4 (3) THE STATE BOARD OR A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT MAKE A
5 STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND RECEIVE
6 A DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE CONDITIONAL ON THE STUDENT'S PASSAGE OF THE
7 MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR TESTS SPECIFIED
8 BY THE STATE BOARD OR BY A LOCAL BOARD.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2004.