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By: **Delegates Gordon and King**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - High School Graduation - Students with Disabilities**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from establishing a
4   class or type of diploma or certificate for graduation from a public high school
5   for students with disabilities that is tied to the student's passage of certain tests;
6   and generally relating to diplomas or certificates for graduation from high
7   school for students with disabilities.

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

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

15   **Article - Education**

16 7-205.

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

19   (1)   Policies established by the county board; and

20   (2)   The rules and regulations of the State Board.

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

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

1   (3)   THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT ESTABLISH A CLASS OR TYPE OF
2 DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE FOR GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR
3 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT IS TIED TO THE STUDENT'S PASSAGE OF THE
4 MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR TESTS.

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