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By: **Delegate Fulton**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - Promotion of Students**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each local board of education to establish written
4   policies, based on certain criteria, for the promotion of a student to the next
5   grade level in a public school; and generally relating to the promotion of
6   students to the next grade level in a public school.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article - Education
9   Section 7-205
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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]
17 GRADUATION from a public 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)   (1)   Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive
21 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the
22 course taken.

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

1   (C)   THE PROMOTION OF A STUDENT TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL IN A PUBLIC
2 SCHOOL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WRITTEN POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE
3 COUNTY BOARD AND BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

4   (1)   THE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL OF THE STUDENT;

5   (2)   THE AGE OF THE STUDENT;

6   (3)   THE UNIQUENESS OF THE STUDENT;

7   (4)   THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENT;

8   (5)   THE DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL OF THE STUDENT; AND

9   (6)   THE ABILITY LEVEL OF THE STUDENT.

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