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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Forehand**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Mathematics Graduation Requirements - Special Education**
3 **Students**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that
5 allow certain special education students to substitute certain mathematics
6 instruction for certain required mathematics credits in certain areas; requiring
7 the regulations to allow a certain committee to determine a certain special
8 education student's substitute mathematics instruction as part of the
9 development of a certain special education student's individualized education
10 plan; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to
11 mathematics graduation requirements for special education students.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Education
14 Section 7-205
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 7-205.

21 (a) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE
22 promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public high school
23 shall be in accordance with:

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

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

26 (b) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive
27 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the
28 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 (C) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ALLOW A
5 SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL TO SUBSTITUTE OTHER
6 MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION FOR THE ONE MATHEMATICS CREDIT REQUIRED IN
7 ALGEBRA AND THE ONE MATHEMATICS CREDIT REQUIRED IN GEOMETRY.

8 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL ALLOW AN ADMISSION, REVIEW, AND
9 DISMISSAL COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT'S
10 SUBSTITUTE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION AS A PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
11 SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
13 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
14 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
15 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
16 the date it is enacted.