

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 71
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 18, after “(4)” insert “(I)”; in line 19, after “TIME” insert “WITH A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA”; after line 20, insert:

“(II) “GRADUATION RATE FORMULA” DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ON TIME WITH A GED OR OTHER CERTIFICATE NOT ALIGNED WITH STATE STANDARDS.”;

and in lines 28 and 33, in each instance, strike “REGULAR” and substitute “MARYLAND”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in lines 9 and 21, in each instance, strike “2010” and substitute “2011”; and in lines 12 and 36, in each instance, strike “SCHOOL DISTRICTS” and substitute “LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS”.

On page 5, in line 31, strike “and”; and in the same line, after “2009,” insert “and September 2010.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 7, strike “and”; in the same line, after “2009,” insert “and October 1, 2010.”; in line 17, strike “That in” and substitute “That:”

(a) Unless the State Board of Education chooses to comply with subsection (b) of this section before 2011, in”;

in the same line, strike “and”; in line 18, after the comma insert “and 2010.”;

(Over)

and after line 21, insert:

“(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, by 2011, the State Department of Education shall use as the additional high school indicator the graduation rate as defined under § 7-203.2 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, including permissible adjustments consistent with the federal No Child Left Behind Act that allow additional time for students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, and other students when educationally appropriate based on an individualized review of a student’s pathway to graduation.”.