

# HOUSE BILL 923

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secondary School – Graduation Requirements – Weighted Numerical**  
3 **Assessment System**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to establish a certain  
5 weighted numerical assessment system to calculate a certain score that certain  
6 students are required to achieve to graduate from certain schools; requiring a  
7 certain assessment system to include a certain category that may not be more  
8 than a certain percentage value of a certain total score; and generally relating  
9 to high schools and a weighted numerical assessment system for calculating  
10 achievement of graduation requirements.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–205  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

3 **(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A WEIGHTED**  
4 **NUMERICAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO CALCULATE A PASSING SCORE THAT**  
5 **STUDENTS SHALL ACHIEVE TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN**  
6 **THIS STATE.**

7 **(2) (I) THE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REQUIRED UNDER THIS**  
8 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE A CATEGORY FOR EXAMINATIONS OR**  
9 **ASSESSMENTS.**

10 **(II) THE TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE OF THE EXAMINATIONS**  
11 **OR ASSESSMENTS CATEGORY MAY BE NO MORE THAN 25% OF THE TOTAL SCORE**  
12 **REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**

13 **[(b)] (C) (1)** Each student who graduates from a public high school shall  
14 receive the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended  
15 or the course taken.

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

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2007.