

# HOUSE BILL 520

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Education – High School Assessment Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from including the  
4 passing of certain types of examinations or assessments in public high school  
5 graduation requirements; and generally relating to public high school  
6 graduation requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 7–205  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 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] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**  
17 promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public high school shall  
18 be in accordance with:

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B)   THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT INCLUDE THE PASSING OF STATEWIDE,**  
2 **MANDATORY, CURRICULUM-BASED EXAMINATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS IN ITS**  
3 **REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE.**

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

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

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2008.