

# SENATE BILL 952

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By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Admission Standards at Public Institutions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public institution of higher education from  
4 conditioning admission to the institution on a student's score on a scholastic  
5 aptitude test or an equivalent nationally accepted college entrance examination;  
6 altering a certain provision relating to the admission of certain students who  
7 achieve a certain score on a scholastic aptitude test or a similar score on an  
8 equivalent national college entrance examination; and generally relating to a  
9 prohibition on the use of certain college entrance examinations for admission to  
10 public institutions of higher education in the State.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 15–101  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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 15–101.

20 (a) **(1)** [Each] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
21 **EACH** public institution of higher education shall accept for admission any graduate of  
22 an approved public high school:

23 [(1)] **(I)** Who is certified by his high school principal, based on  
24 standards of the State Board of Education, as qualified to pursue a course of study at  
25 the institution; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1            [(2)] (II) Who meets the admission standards of the institution.

2            (2) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT  
3            CONDITION ADMISSION TO THE INSTITUTION ON A STUDENT'S SCORE ON A  
4            SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST OR AN EQUIVALENT NATIONALLY ACCEPTED  
5            COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

6            (b) (1) Each public institution of higher education may accept, for special  
7            admission any student who has:

8                            (i) Completed the seventh grade; and

9                            (ii) [A scholastic aptitude test combined score of 1,200 or an  
10            equivalent score on a nationally accepted college entrance examination]  
11            **DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO MEET THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS OF THE**  
12            **INSTITUTION.**

13            (2) This subsection does not affect the State or local share of aid  
14            provided pursuant to § 5-202 of this article to the secondary school in which the  
15            student is enrolled.

16            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17            October 1, 2008.