

HOUSE BILL 588

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By: **Delegates Kaiser, Cardin, and Olszewski**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Standardized Course Numbering System**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Department of Education to develop a
4 standardized course numbering system to facilitate the collection of data on
5 student participation in courses offered in the public schools; authorizing each
6 county school system to adopt the standardized course numbering system on a
7 voluntary basis; requiring a certain county school system to provide a
8 translation of course numbers under certain circumstances; and generally
9 relating to a standardized course numbering system in public schools.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–112.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–112.1.**

19 (A) **SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE**
20 **DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM TO**
21 **FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN**
22 **COURSES OFFERED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

23 (B) **THE COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR**
24 **ADOPTION BY EACH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) IF THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES A DATA COLLECTION INVOLVING**
2 **COURSE NUMBERS, A COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT HAS NOT ADOPTED THE**
3 **STATE STANDARDIZED COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE**
4 **FOR PROVIDING A TRANSLATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM'S**
5 **COURSE NUMBERS AND THOSE IN THE STATE STANDARDIZED COURSE**
6 **NUMBERING SYSTEM.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2009.