

SENATE BILL 903

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Muse and Exum**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2009

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – High School Assessment – Graduation Requirement**
3 **– Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from including the
5 passing of certain types of examinations or assessments in the graduation
6 requirements for certain students; making this Act an emergency measure;
7 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to public high
8 school graduation requirements.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That the State Board of Education may not include the passing of
11 statewide, mandatory, curriculum-based examinations or assessments in its
12 requirements to graduate from a public high school in this State for students
13 graduating in the 2008–2009 school year.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
16 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
17 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
18 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year from the date it is
19 enacted and, at the end of the 1-year period, with no further action required by the
20 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

