

CHAPTER 407

(House Bill 588)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public Schools – Standardized Course Numbering System

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Department of Education to develop a standardized course numbering system to facilitate the collection of data on student participation in courses offered in the public schools; authorizing each county school system to adopt the standardized course numbering system on a voluntary basis; requiring a certain county school system to provide a translation of course numbers under certain circumstances; *declaring the intent of the General Assembly*; and generally relating to a standardized course numbering system in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–112.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Education

7–112.1.

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a county school system that has not adopted the State standardized course numbering system and is responsible for providing a translation between the county school system's course numbers and those in the State standardized course numbering system, as required under Section 1 of this Act, may be able to access and use any federal or State funds otherwise available in order to mitigate the fiscal impact of this Act to the county school system.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.