

Chapter 335

(House Bill 364)

AN ACT concerning

Student Participation in High School Sports – *Minimum Academic Requirements – Proposed Standards*

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education, *in consultation with county boards of education*, to ~~adopt regulations to establish~~ *report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date regarding* certain academic performance standards that students in public high schools in the State ~~must~~ *should* meet in order to participate in certain high school athletic competitions; requiring the ~~regulations~~ *report* to include certain ~~provisions~~ *recommendations*; ~~requiring county boards of education to allow certain students to participate in certain high school athletic competitions only in accordance with the regulations of the State Board~~; and generally relating to academic requirements for student participation in high school sports.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Education~~

~~Section 7-205.1~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article – Education~~

~~7-205.1.~~

~~(A) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE MUST MEET IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY A COUNTY BOARD.~~

~~(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT SPECIFY THE CURRICULUM CONTENT, MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND GRADE PROGRESS THAT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST SATISFY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.~~

~~(B) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY THE COUNTY BOARD ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.~~ *on or before December 31, 2011, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the county boards of education, shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, regarding the minimum academic performance standards that students in public high schools in the State should meet in order to participate in athletic competitions sanctioned by a county board of education. The report shall include recommendations regarding the curriculum content, minimum grade point average, and grade progress that public high school students should satisfy to be eligible to participate in athletic competitions sanctioned by the county board.*

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.