

HOUSE BILL 657

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ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by **Delegates Shoemaker, Buckel, Ebersole, Hornberger, Luedtke, Platt, Reilly, Rose, Simonaire, Tarlau, and ~~M. Washington~~ M. Washington, Afzali, and Metzgar**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to
4 a ~~random~~ representative sample of certain kindergarten students from within certain
5 local school systems in the State, subject to a certain exception; authorizing a certain
6 kindergarten assessment to evaluate certain skills; authorizing certain county
7 boards of education and certain principals and teachers to administer a certain
8 statewide kindergarten assessment under certain circumstances; prohibiting ~~certain~~
9 ~~standardized tests~~ a statewide kindergarten assessment from being administered to
10 certain prekindergarten students, subject to a certain exception; requiring the State
11 Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; declaring the intent of the
12 General Assembly; and generally relating to the administration of prekindergarten
13 and kindergarten assessments.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Education
3 Section 7–208
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 **7–208.**

10 (A) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
11 STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT THAT IS ADMINISTERED WITH THE
12 PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL READINESS:

13 (1) ~~SHALL BE LIMITED TO A RANDOM SAMPLE~~ REPRESENTATIVE
14 SAMPLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
15 FROM WITHIN EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

16 (2) MAY INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF:

17 (I) LANGUAGE AND LITERACY SKILLS;

18 (II) ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND
19 SOCIAL STUDIES;

20 (III) PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

21 (IV) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

22 (B) ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT~~
23 ~~EXECUTED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 4 OR SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN~~
24 ~~AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING AGREEMENT, A~~ A PRINCIPAL AND A TEACHER WHO
25 ARE IN MUTUAL AGREEMENT, OR A COUNTY BOARD, MAY ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE
26 KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL
27 READINESS IF:

28 (1) THE ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1~~
29 ~~AFTER THE FIRST FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN~~ ~~OCTOBER 1~~; AND

30 (2) THE AGGREGATE RESULTS ARE RETURNED WITHIN 45 DAYS
31 AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT.

1 ~~(B)~~(C) (1) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
2 SUBSECTION, A STANDARDIZED TEST STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT MAY
3 NOT BE ADMINISTERED TO ~~A~~ AN ENROLLED PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT.

4 (2) ~~A STANDARDIZED TEST STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT~~
5 MAY BE ADMINISTERED TO AN ENROLLED PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT BY A
6 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OR OTHER SCHOOL-BASED PROFESSIONAL WHO INTENDS
7 TO USE THE RESULTS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY A DISABILITY.

8 ~~(C)~~ (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
9 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

10 *SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General*
11 *Assembly that a teacher who administers a statewide kindergarten assessment in*
12 *accordance with § 7-208(b) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, be*
13 *paid for the time worked in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement executed*
14 *under Title 6, Subtitle 4 or 5 of the Education Article.*

15 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.