

Chapter 326

(House Bill 654)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Statewide Kindergarten Assessment – Completion

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which a certain statewide kindergarten assessment must be completed; and generally relating to the completion date of the statewide kindergarten assessment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–210.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a statewide kindergarten assessment that is administered with the purpose of measuring school readiness:

(1) Shall be limited to a representative sample, as determined by the Department of kindergarten students from within each local school system in the State; and

(2) May include an evaluation of:

- (i) Language and literacy skills;
- (ii) Academic knowledge in mathematics, science, and social studies;
- (iii) Physical development; and
- (iv) Social development.

(b) A principal and a teacher who are in mutual agreement, or a county board, may administer a statewide kindergarten assessment with the purpose of measuring school readiness if:

(1) The assessment is completed on or before [October 1] **OCTOBER 10;**
and

(2) The aggregate results are returned within 45 days after administration of the assessment.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a statewide kindergarten assessment may not be administered to an enrolled prekindergarten student.

(2) A statewide kindergarten assessment may be administered to an enrolled prekindergarten student by a school psychologist or other school-based professional who intends to use the results in order to identify a disability.

(d) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.