

# HOUSE BILL 197

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – State Reimbursement for County Board Payments for Exams for**  
3 **Eligible Students**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to reimburse a county board for certain payments  
5 on a certain application for reimbursement; requiring a county board to pay up to a  
6 certain amount for one certain exam per school year for certain students; requiring  
7 the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term;  
8 and generally relating to payment of and reimbursement for certain exam fees.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–203.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–203.1.

18 (a) (1) **(I)** For fiscal years 2003 and 2004, the Department shall distribute  
19 grants to qualified distressed counties, as defined in § 1–101 of the Economic Development  
20 Article, for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade  
21 students.

22 **[(2)] (II)** For fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year, the  
23 Department shall distribute grants to each county for the administration of the Preliminary  
24 Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **[(b)] (2)** Subject to the availability of funding in the State budget, the amount of  
2 each county's grant shall be in an amount sufficient for the administration of the test to all  
3 10th grade students in the county.

4           **(B) (1)** IN THIS SUBSECTION, "STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS  
5 ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE  
6 MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE  
7 HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

8           **(2)** SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
9 STATE SHALL REIMBURSE A COUNTY BOARD FOR THE COST OF ONE EXAM PER  
10 SCHOOL YEAR FOR A STUDENT WHO TAKES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EXAMS:

11                           **(I) ADVANCED PLACEMENT;**

12                           **(II) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION FOR A CAREER AND**  
13 **TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM OF STUDY; OR**

14                           **(III) INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE.**

15           **(3) (I)** A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PAY UP TO \$300 TOWARDS THE  
16 EXAM FEE FOR A STUDENT WHO TAKES ONE OF THE EXAMS UNDER PARAGRAPH **(2)**  
17 **OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

18                           **(II)** A COUNTY BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FOR MORE  
19 **THAN ONE EXAM PER SCHOOL YEAR PER STUDENT.**

20           **(4)** ON APPLICATION BY A COUNTY BOARD TO THE STATE BOARD,  
21 **THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD IN AN AMOUNT**  
22 **NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE A COUNTY BOARD FOR PAYMENTS MADE UNDER**  
23 **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

24           **(5)** THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
25 **THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**  
26 **FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
28 1, 2018.