

# HOUSE BILL 723

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EMERGENCY BILL

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers**  
3 **(PARCC) Assessment – Administration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in entering or renewing  
5 a contract for the administration of certain assessments, to require that each  
6 segment of the assessment be administered within a certain time period; specifying  
7 the intent of the General Assembly regarding certain existing obligations or  
8 contracts; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
9 administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and  
10 Careers assessment.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–203(i)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 7–203.

20 **(I) THE DEPARTMENT, IN ENTERING OR RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR THE**  
21 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR**  
22 **COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) ASSESSMENT OR A SUCCESSOR ASSESSMENT,**  
23 **SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH SEGMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT BE ADMINISTERED**  
24 **WITHIN A 40–MINUTE TIME PERIOD.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is not the intent of the  
2 General Assembly that a presently existing obligation or contract right be impaired in any  
3 way by this Act.

4           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
5 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
6 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
7 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
8 enacted.