

HOUSE BILL 923

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By: **Delegate Griffith**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Study on Transfer and Awarding of Advanced**
3 **Placement Course Credits and Military Students**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with
5 county boards of education and county superintendents of schools, to conduct a study
6 on the transfer and awarding of credits by local school systems to certain military
7 students who transfer to a public high school in the State; and generally relating to
8 a study on the transfer and awarding of high school AP course credits and military
9 students.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (2) “AP course” means an advanced placement course offered by the College
14 Board.

15 (3) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

16 (4) “Military student” means a high school student from a military family
17 who moves to Maryland from another state on military orders.

18 (b) The State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of
19 education and county superintendents of schools, including the Chief Executive Officer of
20 the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, shall conduct a study on the transfer
21 and awarding of credits by local school systems in the State for successful completion of an
22 AP course by a military student while enrolled in a high school in another state.

23 (c) The study shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) examine whether, and to what extent, a military student who completes
2 and was awarded credit for an AP course while enrolled in a high school in another state is
3 able to transfer and receive credit from a local school system in the State for the AP course
4 on enrollment in a public high school in the State;

5 (2) identify:

6 (i) barriers in the State and local school systems that prevent a
7 military student described in item (1) of this subsection from receiving the appropriate type
8 and amount of credit or credit that is at least equivalent to the credit the military student
9 received at their previous school for successful completion of the AP course;

10 (ii) the methods by which local school systems award AP course
11 credit to a military student on enrollment in a public high school in the State; and

12 (iii) the circumstances under which an AP course credit may not be
13 transferred or awarded full, partial, or any credit to a military student who previously
14 successfully completed an AP course;

15 (3) collect data, disaggregated by local school system, on the number of
16 military students who have requested the transfer and awarding of AP credits on
17 enrollment in a public high school in the State after successfully completing an AP course
18 while enrolled in a high school in another state, including the number of affected military
19 students, the AP courses previously completed, and the amount and type of credit received
20 from the local school system; and

21 (4) make recommendations on:

22 (i) removing the barriers in the State and local school systems
23 identified under item (2)(i) of this subsection; and

24 (ii) best practices for local school systems to award the most
25 appropriate and equivalent credit to a military student for the previous successful
26 completion of AP courses while enrolled in a high school in another state.

27 (d) On or before July 1, 2025, the Department shall, in accordance with § 2–1257
28 of the State Government Article, report its findings and recommendations to the General
29 Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,
32 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
33 of no further force and effect.