

HOUSE BILL 505

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By: **Delegates Smith, Acevero, Davis, J. Long, and Toles**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public and Nonpublic Schools – Student School Transfers – Academic Records**
3 **Documentation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school
5 receiving transfer of a student to accept certain unofficial documents to satisfy the
6 academic records requirement from the sending school under certain circumstances;
7 and generally relating to academic records documentation of students transferring
8 schools.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education
11 Section 7-118
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **7-118.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SCHOOL” MEANS A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC**
19 **ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

20 **(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STUDENT TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS, IF A**
21 **RECEIVING SCHOOL’S REQUEST FOR THE OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND**
22 **RECORDS OF THE TRANSFERRING STUDENT ARE DENIED BY THE SENDING SCHOOL**
23 **DUE TO A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE SENDING SCHOOL AND THE STUDENT, THE**
24 **RECEIVING SCHOOL SHALL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE STUDENT TO CONTINUE THE STUDENT'S
2 EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL:

3 (1) AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT;

4 (2) REPORT CARDS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT;

5 (3) STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE REPORTS PROVIDED BY THE
6 STUDENT;

7 (4) COPIES OF AWARDS AND HONORS DOCUMENTS;

8 (5) UNOFFICIAL ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORE REPORTS OR
9 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME EXAMINATION
10 RESULTS; OR

11 (6) ANY OTHER UNOFFICIAL RECORD OR COPY OF A DOCUMENT
12 REGARDING THE TRANSFERRING STUDENT'S ACADEMIC RECORD THAT PROVIDES
13 EVIDENCE OF THE STUDENT'S COURSE OF STUDY AND RECORD OF PROGRESS AT THE
14 SENDING SCHOOL.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2026.