

# HOUSE BILL 505

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## 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**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(1) AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT;

(2) REPORT CARDS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT;

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

(4) COPIES OF AWARDS AND HONORS DOCUMENTS;

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

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

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