

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

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STUDENT TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS, IF A
 2 RECEIVING SCHOOL'S REQUEST FOR THE OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND
 3 RECORDS OF THE TRANSFERRING STUDENT ARE DENIED BY THE SENDING SCHOOL
 4 DUE TO A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE SENDING SCHOOL AND THE STUDENT, THE
 5 RECEIVING SCHOOL SHALL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE
 6 SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE STUDENT TO CONTINUE THE STUDENT'S
 7 EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL:

8 (1) AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT;

9 (2) REPORT CARDS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT;

10 (3) ~~STANDARDIZED~~ SUBJECT-RELEVANT STANDARDIZED TEST
 11 SCORE REPORTS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT; OR

12 (4) ~~COPIES OF AWARDS AND HONORS DOCUMENTS;~~

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 21 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.