

HOUSE BILL 836

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – College Preparatory Programs – Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board of education from charging a student or a
4 student's parent or guardian any fees related to enrollment in or completion of a
5 certain college preparatory program; and generally relating to fees for college
6 preparatory programs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–205.1(g)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 7–205.1(g)(4)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 7–213

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Education**

25 7–205.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program;
2. The Cambridge AICE Diploma Program; or
3. A comparable program consisting of Advanced Placement College Board;

1. An associate degree; or
2. At least 60 credits toward a bachelor's degree; and

31 (4) To phase in expansion of dual enrollment to maximize the number of
32 students who can earn the maximum number of dual enrollment credits consistent with
33 the phased increases in school funding, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, the State Board
34 and the Accountability and Implementation Board, in consultation with each local school

1 system, may limit the number and types of courses that a student dually enrolled at the
2 student's public high school and at an institution of higher education may enroll in during
3 the school year at the institution of higher education as part of the post-CCR pathway in
4 accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and § 15-127 of this article.

5 **7-213.**

6 **A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT CHARGE A STUDENT OR A STUDENT'S PARENT OR**
7 **GUARDIAN ANY FEES RELATED TO THE ENROLLMENT IN OR COMPLETION OF A**
8 **COMPETITIVE ENTRY COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM CONSISTING OF**
9 **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES SPECIFIED BY THE COLLEGE BOARD.**

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2026.