

# HOUSE BILL 1040

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Student Report Cards – Required Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each local school system to include certain information on  
4 student report cards; requiring certain information to be presented in a certain  
5 manner; requiring the State Department of Education to develop a certain system of  
6 grading public schools in the State based on certain performance levels of a certain  
7 mandated State assessment; requiring the Department to make a certain  
8 notification before the start of a certain school year; requiring the Department to  
9 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to required information on student  
10 report cards.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–121 and 7–208  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–121.**

20 **(A) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2016–2017 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH LOCAL**  
21 **SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON STUDENT**  
22 **REPORT CARDS:**

23 **(I) THE GRADE OF THE SCHOOL A STUDENT ATTENDS BASED**  
24 **ON THE GRADING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7–208 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) THE TOTAL PER PUPIL FUNDING AMOUNT THE LOCAL**  
2 **SCHOOL SYSTEM RECEIVED FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.**

3                   **(2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
4 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE REPORT CARD IN A CLEAR AND**  
5 **CONSPICUOUS MANNER.**

6                   **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
7 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

8 **7-208.**

9                   **(A) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT**  
10 **SHALL GRADE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BASED ON THE SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE ON**  
11 **THE ASSESSMENT ALIGNED WITH THE MARYLAND COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**  
12 **STANDARDS.**

13                   **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE**  
14 **LEVELS OF THE ASSESSMENT ALIGNED WITH THE MARYLAND COLLEGE AND**  
15 **CAREER READY STANDARDS TO DEVELOP THE GRADING SYSTEM REQUIRED IN**  
16 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

17                   **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INFORM EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OF**  
18 **THE RESULTS OF THE GRADING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS**  
19 **SECTION BEFORE THE START OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

20                   **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
21 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

22                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
23 1, 2016.