

HOUSE BILL 657

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to
4 a random sample of certain kindergarten students from within certain local school
5 systems in the State subject to a certain exception; authorizing a certain
6 kindergarten assessment to evaluate certain skills; authorizing certain county
7 boards of education and certain principals and teachers to administer a certain
8 statewide kindergarten assessment under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain
9 standardized tests from being administered to certain prekindergarten students
10 subject to a certain exception; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt
11 certain regulations; and generally relating to the administration of prekindergarten
12 and kindergarten assessments.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education
15 Section 7–208
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

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 7-208.

2 (A) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
3 STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT THAT IS ADMINISTERED WITH THE
4 PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL READINESS:

5 (1) SHALL BE LIMITED TO A RANDOM SAMPLE DETERMINED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FROM WITHIN EACH LOCAL SCHOOL
7 SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

8 (2) MAY INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF:

9 (I) LANGUAGE AND LITERACY SKILLS;

10 (II) ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND
11 SOCIAL STUDIES;

12 (III) PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

13 (IV) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

14 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
15 EXECUTED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 4 OR SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN
16 AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING AGREEMENT, A PRINCIPAL AND A TEACHER WHO ARE
17 IN MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR A COUNTY BOARD MAY ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE
18 KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING SCHOOL
19 READINESS IF:

20 (1) THE ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1
21 AFTER THE FIRST FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN; AND

22 (2) THE AGGREGATE RESULTS ARE RETURNED WITHIN 45 DAYS.

23 ~~(B)~~(C) (1) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
24 SUBSECTION, A STANDARDIZED TEST MAY NOT BE ADMINISTERED TO A AN
25 ENROLLED PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT.

26 (2) A STANDARDIZED TEST MAY BE ADMINISTERED TO AN ENROLLED
27 PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT BY A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OR OTHER
28 SCHOOL-BASED PROFESSIONAL WHO INTENDS TO USE THE RESULTS IN ORDER TO
29 IDENTIFY A DISABILITY.

1 ~~(C)~~ (D) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**
2 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.