

SENATE BILL 806

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education – High School Assessment – Government**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to include in the graduation
4 requirements for public high schools a requirement that each student take a
5 standardized government high school assessment; requiring, beginning with a
6 certain school year, the government high school assessment to include a certain
7 number of questions used for the civics portion of a certain naturalization test; and
8 generally relating to graduation requirements for public high schools and the high
9 school assessment for government.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–205.1(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Education
17 Section 7–205.1(f)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 7–205.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The State Board shall establish high school curriculum and graduation
2 requirements for all public schools in accordance with this section.

3 (F) (1) **THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE**
4 **BOARD FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS SHALL REQUIRE EACH STUDENT TO TAKE A**
5 **STANDARDIZED GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT.**

6 (2) **BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE**
7 **GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST 10 OF THE 100**
8 **QUESTIONS USED FOR THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST**
9 **ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2015.