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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary Education – ~~State Standardized~~ Prekindergarten Through Grade 2**
3 **State Assessments – ~~Moratorium~~ Required Study**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State Board of Education to place a moratorium on State~~
5 ~~standardized assessments in prekindergarten through grade 2 during certain school~~
6 ~~years; providing that a public school may not be required to administer a certain~~
7 ~~assessment during a certain time; making a certain exception for the administration~~
8 ~~of a pilot State standardized assessment in conjunction with a certain report;~~
9 requiring the State Board of Education, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to
10 report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
11 ~~providing for the termination of this Act;~~ and generally relating to a ~~moratorium on~~
12 study of certain State standardized assessments.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That:

15 ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, beginning in the~~
16 ~~2015–2016 school year and through the end of the 2016–2017 school year, the State Board~~
17 ~~of Education shall place a moratorium on all State standardized assessments in~~
18 ~~prekindergarten through grade 2.~~

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) During the moratorium, a public school may not be required to administer a~~
2 ~~State standardized assessment in prekindergarten through grade 2.~~

3 ~~(e) During the moratorium, the State Board of Education may pilot a State~~
4 ~~standardized assessment in kindergarten in conjunction with the report required under~~
5 ~~subsection (d) of this section.~~

6 ~~(d)~~ On or before December 31, ~~2016~~ 2015, the State Board of Education, in
7 consultation with stakeholders, including kindergarten teachers, local superintendents of
8 education, and local boards of education, shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and
9 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House ~~Ways and Means Committee~~ Committee
10 on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

11 (1) the local school system assessments currently used in prekindergarten
12 through grade 2;

13 (2) the instructional value of any current local school system assessment
14 as compared to the instructional value of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for a
15 teacher;

16 (3) the overall value of any local school system or State assessment results
17 to a teacher, student, and parent, respectively;

18 (4) whether an assessment is developmentally appropriate for students;

19 (5) the efficiency of the administration of an assessment;

20 (6) methods to minimize a testing window for an assessment in order to
21 minimize the impact on instruction;

22 (7) whether the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is duplicative of other
23 rating and improvement systems for prekindergarten programs, including the Maryland
24 EXCELS;

25 (8) whether the technology needed to administer an assessment exists in
26 all classrooms in the State; and

27 (9) the quality and consistency of training provided to educators charged
28 with the administration of any State standardized assessment in prekindergarten through
29 grade 2.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2015. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2017,~~
32 ~~with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and~~
33 ~~of no further force and effect.~~