

# HOUSE BILL 227

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By: **Delegate Chang**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – High School – Graduation Honor System**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to establish a high school  
4 graduation honor system; requiring a county board that establishes a graduation  
5 honor system to establish the grade point average required for each level of  
6 distinction; requiring that the distinction be printed on the student's official  
7 transcript and high school diploma; and generally relating to a high school  
8 graduation honor system.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–205.4

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–205.4.**

18 **(A) A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH A HIGH SCHOOL**  
19 **GRADUATION HONOR SYSTEM THAT CONSISTS OF SUMMA CUM LAUDE, MAGNA CUM**  
20 **LAUDE, AND CUM LAUDE DISTINCTIONS.**

21 **(B) A COUNTY BOARD THAT ESTABLISHES A GRADUATION HONOR SYSTEM**  
22 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ESTABLISH THE GRADE POINT**  
23 **AVERAGE REQUIRED FOR EACH LEVEL OF DISTINCTION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) THE DISTINCTION SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE STUDENT'S:**

2                   **(1) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT; AND**

3                   **(2) HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
5 1, 2017.