

SENATE BILL 145

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By: **Senators Pinsky and Jennings**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Statewide Kindergarten Assessment – Completion**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which a certain statewide kindergarten assessment
4 must be completed; and generally relating to the completion date of the statewide
5 kindergarten assessment.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 7–210
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 7–210.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a statewide kindergarten
16 assessment that is administered with the purpose of measuring school readiness:

17 (1) Shall be limited to a representative sample, as determined by the
18 Department of kindergarten students from within each local school system in the State;
19 and

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 (2) May include an evaluation of:
- 2 (i) Language and literacy skills;
- 3 (ii) Academic knowledge in mathematics, science, and social studies;
- 4 (iii) Physical development; and
- 5 (iv) Social development.

6 (b) A principal and a teacher who are in mutual agreement, or a county board,
7 may administer a statewide kindergarten assessment with the purpose of measuring school
8 readiness if:

- 9 (1) The assessment is completed on or before [October 1] **OCTOBER 10**;
10 and
- 11 (2) The aggregate results are returned within 45 days after administration
12 of the assessment.

13 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a statewide
14 kindergarten assessment may not be administered to an enrolled prekindergarten student.

15 (2) A statewide kindergarten assessment may be administered to an
16 enrolled prekindergarten student by a school psychologist or other school-based
17 professional who intends to use the results in order to identify a disability.

18 (d) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of
19 this section.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.