

HOUSE BILL 1091

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Screening Requirements for Students With Reading Difficulties –**
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the types of students who are subject to screening for reading
5 difficulties on entering or transferring into a public school; and generally relating to
6 screening students for reading difficulties.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 4–136(a)(1) and (6) and (b)(1)(i)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 4–136(a)(7)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 4–136.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (6) “Screening” means a brief, valid, and reliable measurement procedure
23 used to identify or predict whether a student may be at risk for poor learning outcomes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (7) "Student" means a student who does not have a current individualized
2 education program or an individualized family service plan with reading goals and:

3 (i) Is in kindergarten;

4 (ii) Is in first grade and was not screened by the school in
5 kindergarten or demonstrated difficulty mastering grade-level reading in kindergarten;
6 [or]

7 (iii) Enters or transfers to a public [elementary] school from [an
8 elementary] ANOTHER school, unless a determination is made by the county board that
9 the student has already been screened and does not demonstrate difficulty mastering
10 grade-level reading; OR

11 (IV) IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER WHO IS AT RISK OF
12 READING DIFFICULTIES.

13 (b) (1) (i) Beginning in the 2020–2021 school year, each county board shall
14 ensure that a student is screened to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2023.