

HOUSE BILL 953

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CF SB 264

By: **Delegates Hixson, Bartlett, Barve, Doory, Elmore, Frick, Gilchrist, Howard, Ivey, Jennings, Kaiser, Krebs, Olszewski, Rice, Ross, Stukes, F. Turner, and Walker**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **High School Dropouts – Alternative Education Programs and GED**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent possible, certain representatives of county
5 boards of education to provide information concerning alternative education
6 programs and GED program requirements and testing locations to certain
7 individuals; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
8 the provision of educational information to individuals who no longer attend
9 high school.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–302.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–302.1.**

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 ~~THE~~ TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OF
2 A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO NO LONGER
3 ATTENDS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY AND HAS NOT OBTAINED A
4 HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA:

5 (1) INFORMATION CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
6 PROGRAMS; AND

7 (2) GED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING LOCATIONS.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
9 construed to apply only prospectively to students who, on or after the effective date of
10 this Act, officially withdraw from a public high school prior to obtaining a high school
11 diploma or certificate.

12 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
13 effect October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.