

# SENATE BILL 264

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(8lr1573)

## ENROLLED BILL

—Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs / Ways and Means—

Introduced by **Senators Pugh, Conway, Currie, Della, Garagiola, Glassman, Kasemeyer, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, Rosapepe, and ~~Stone~~ Stone, and Harrington**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

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 ~~or~~  
9 ~~intend to leave~~ high school.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 7–302.1

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**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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

5 **Article - Education**

6 **7-302.1.**

7 ~~THE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OF~~  
8 ~~A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO NO LONGER~~  
9 ~~ATTENDS, IS KNOWN TO BE PREPARING TO LEAVE, OR HAS PARTICIPATED IN AN~~  
10 ~~EXIT INTERVIEW AT~~ A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY AND HAS NOT  
11 OBTAINED A HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA:

12 (1) INFORMATION CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION  
13 PROGRAMS; AND

14 (2) GED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING LOCATIONS.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.