

A013-0304

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Public High School – Graduation Requirements – Community Service**

30 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring students to
40 perform community service as a condition of high school graduation; and generally relating
50 to high school graduation.

60 BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments,
70 Article – Education
80 Section 7 – 205
90 Annotated Code of Maryland
100 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

110 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That
120 the laws of Maryland read as follows:

130 **Article – Education**

140 § 7 – 205

150 (a) The promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public
160 high school shall be in accordance with:

170 (1) Policies established by the county board; and

180 (2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

190 (B) THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOT
200 REQUIRE ANY STUDENT TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A
210 CONDITION TO GRADUATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

220 ~~(b)~~ (C) Diplomas. –

230 (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive
240 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended
250 or the course taken.

260 (2) The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has completed
270 a program of studies satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of the
State Board.

280 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1,
290 2004.

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