

# HOUSE BILL 505

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By: **Delegate Walker**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Student Participation in High School Sports – Academic Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to  
4 establish certain academic performance standards that students in public high  
5 schools in the State must meet in order to participate in certain high school  
6 athletic competitions; requiring the regulations to include certain provisions;  
7 requiring county boards of education to allow certain students to participate in  
8 certain high school athletic competitions only in accordance with the regulations  
9 of the State Board; and generally relating to academic requirements for student  
10 participation in high school sports.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 7–205.1

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–205.1.**

20 **(A) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**  
21 **ESTABLISH ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT STUDENTS IN PUBLIC**  
22 **HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE MUST MEET IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN**  
23 **ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY A COUNTY BOARD.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT**  
2 **SPECIFY THE CURRICULUM CONTENT, MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND**  
3 **GRADE PROGRESS THAT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST SATISFY TO BE**  
4 **ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY THE**  
5 **COUNTY BOARD.**

6           **(B) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH**  
7 **SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS**  
8 **SANCTIONED BY THE COUNTY BOARD ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**  
9 **REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2010.