

SENATE BILL 544

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SB 667/18 – EHE

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By: **Senators Salling, Bailey, Cassilly, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Jennings, Ready, Rosapepe, Serafini, Simonaire, and West**
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – No–Zero Grading Policy – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board of education from establishing a certain
4 grading policy; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a no–zero grading
5 policy.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 4–111
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 4–111.

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NO–ZERO GRADING POLICY” MEANS A GRADING**
16 **POLICY THAT DOES NOT ALLOW A TEACHER TO ISSUE A ZERO.**

17 **[(a)] (B)** Subject to the applicable provisions of this article and the bylaws, basic
18 policies, and guidelines established by the State Board, each county board, on the written
19 recommendation of the county superintendent, shall:

20 (1) Establish curriculum guides and courses of study for the schools under
21 its jurisdiction, including appropriate programs of instruction or training for mentally or
22 physically handicapped children; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Supply printed copies of these materials to any teacher or interested
2 citizen.

3 **(C) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT ESTABLISH A NO-ZERO GRADING POLICY.**

4 **[(b)] (D)** A county board may give academic credit for the study of American Sign
5 Language.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2019.