

HOUSE BILL 1157

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Student Grades – Purposeful Misrepresentation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from altering the grade of a student to purposefully
4 misrepresent the student's performance, knowledge, or achievement in a course;
5 establishing a penalty for a violation of this Act; providing for the applicability and
6 construction of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to student
7 grades.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–211

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7–211.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “GRADE” MEANS:**

18 **(1) A NUMERICAL OR ALPHABETICAL REPRESENTATION OR SCORING**
19 **OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, OR ACHIEVEMENT IN A COURSE; AND**

20 **(2) A RECORD OF WHETHER A STUDENT SATISFACTORILY**
21 **COMPLETED A COURSE.**

22 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE GRADE RECEIVED BY A STUDENT AT A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PUBLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL OR A PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE
2 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT OPERATES IN THE STATE.

3 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
4 PERSON MAY NOT ALTER THE GRADE OF A STUDENT TO PURPOSEFULLY
5 MISREPRESENT THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, OR ACHIEVEMENT IN
6 A COURSE.

7 (2) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A
8 TEACHER OR OTHER INSTRUCTOR FROM AWARDED EXTRA CREDIT TO A STUDENT.

9 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
10 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2020.