

(6) A facility owner is not required to provide information under paragraph (4) of this subsection that is a trade secret.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. *It shall remain effective through June 1, 2009, and, at the end of June 1, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.*

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 229

(Senate Bill 59)

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools - Graduation Rate Formula - Collecting, Maintaining, Analyzing, and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to collect, maintain, and analyze certain graduation rates using certain formulas by certain dates; requiring county boards to report certain information to the public and to the State Department of Education in a certain format; requiring the Department to compile certain information, calculate certain graduation rates, and post certain graduation rates on its website; stating a certain purpose; authorizing certain county boards and the Department to develop and implement certain additional indicators; requiring the Department to ensure that certain information is comparable for certain purposes; requiring the Department to implement certain training, a certain system for verification of the accuracy of certain data, and a public awareness campaign; requiring the Department to provide certain technical support and serve as a certain repository; requiring certain reports; requiring a certain report to be posted on a certain website; requiring the use of certain graduation rates for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the collecting, maintaining, analyzing, and reporting of graduation rate and interim graduation rate data.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-203.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

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