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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Premises - Prohibition of Accessing Obscene Materials by**
3 **Computer**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting possession of obscene materials, or access to obscene
5 materials by means of interactive computer services, on public school premises;
6 providing for criminal penalties; and defining a certain term.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Education
9 Section 26-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Obscene Materials in
10 Schools"
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 SUBTITLE 4. OBSCENE MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS.

17 26-401.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OBSCENE" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN ARTICLE
19 27, § 419 OF THE CODE.

20 (B) WHILE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PREMISES, AN ADULT INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT
21 OBTAIN ACCESS, BY MEANS OF THE INTERNET, THE WORLD WIDE WEB, USENET, OR
22 ANY OTHER INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, TO MATERIALS THAT ARE OBSCENE,
23 AND MAY NOT STORE OR POSSESS PRINT COPIES OF SUCH, OR ANY OTHER, OBSCENE
24 MATERIALS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PREMISES.

25 (C) ANY ADULT INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
26 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500
27 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2001.