

# CHAPTER 450

(House Bill 1046)

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health - ~~Self-Injury by Cutting~~ - ~~Public Awareness Campaign~~  
Self-Mutilation - Awareness, Training, and Distribution of Materials**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State ~~Superintendent of Schools~~ Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to ~~establish and promote in certain schools a public awareness campaign related to self-injury by cutting; providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing the State Superintendent to use certain resources to carry out the provisions of this Act;~~ provide awareness and training for certain individuals on self-mutilation; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide to the State Department of Education certain information and materials on self-mutilation; and generally relating to ~~a public awareness campaign about self-injury by cutting~~ awareness, training, and distribution of materials on self-mutilation.

BY adding to

Article - Education  
Section 7-426  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Education**

**7-426.**

**(A) ~~(1)~~ THE ~~STATE SUPERINTENDENT~~ DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL PROVIDE AWARENESS AND TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS OF STUDENT SERVICES IN LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES ON SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING INJURY BY CUTTING.**

**(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT:**

**(1) RESOURCE INFORMATION ON SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING INJURY BY CUTTING, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERVISORS OF HEALTH, COUNSELING, AND PSYCHOLOGY; AND**

**(2) MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION THAT DESCRIBE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL RESOURCES TO WHICH STUDENTS, PARENTS, COUNSELORS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL CAN REFER FOR INFORMATION ON SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING INJURY BY CUTTING. ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE IN SCHOOLS IN THE STATE A PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING.**

**(2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:**

**(i) REACH OUT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK FOR SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING;**

**(ii) DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, TELEVISION, POSTERS, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;**

**(iii) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF CHARGE TO HEALTH CLINICS AND TO ESTABLISHMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THE TARGETED POPULATION; AND**

**(iv) INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.**

**(B) TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**(1) ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE AID OR INFORMATION FROM ANY AGENCY OF THIS STATE, OR FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;**

**(2) MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY GROUPS; AND**

~~(3) MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

**Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.**