

CHAPTER 344

(Senate Bill 1049)

AN ACT concerning

~~Domestic Violence Education~~ – ~~Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to ~~develop and implement in the public schools a program~~ encourage county boards of education to incorporate certain lessons on dating violence into ~~certain the county boards' health education curriculum courses in order to educate students about dating violence~~; ~~requiring the program to include education on services provided to victims of dating violence; requiring the program to be started in each public school before a certain grade; altering the definition of "victim of domestic violence" for purposes of certain provisions of law to include a certain person; requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the second week in October "Statewide Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness Week";~~ and generally relating to dating violence.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7-411.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Family Law
Section 4-513
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – State Government
Section 13-601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Commemorative Weeks"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)~~

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

Article – Education

7-411.1.

~~(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARDS TO INCORPORATE AGE-APPROPRIATE LESSONS ON DATING VIOLENCE INTO THE COUNTY BOARDS' HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM COURSES THAT INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON HEALTH, FAMILY, AND HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT DATING VIOLENCE.~~

~~(B) A PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE EDUCATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF DATING VIOLENCE.~~

~~(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE STARTED IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BEFORE THE SIXTH GRADE.~~

~~Article Family Law~~

~~4-513.~~

~~In this Part III and in Part IV of this subtitle, "victim of domestic violence" means an individual who has received deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury, or is in fear of imminent deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury from a current or former spouse, [or] a current or former cohabitant, as defined in § 4-501 of this subtitle, OR A PERSON WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS OR HAS HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP.~~

~~Article State Government~~

~~SUBTITLE 6. COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS.~~

~~13-601.~~

~~THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER AS TWEEN/TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS WEEK.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.