

HOUSE BILL 789

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elementary and Secondary Education – Health Curriculum – Diabetes**
3 **Education**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, with the assistance of
5 the county health department, to include instruction in diabetes education in
6 the health education curriculum that county boards are to provide in the public
7 schools; and generally relating to diabetes education in the health curriculum of
8 public schools.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–401
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–401.

18 (a) With the assistance of the county health department, each county board
19 shall provide:

20 (1) Adequate school health services;

21 (2) Instruction in health education, including the importance of
22 physical activity in maintaining good health **AND DIABETES EDUCATION**; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) A healthful school environment.

2 (b) The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental
3 Hygiene jointly shall:

4 (1) Develop public standards and guidelines for school health
5 programs; and

6 (2) Offer assistance to the county boards and county health
7 departments in their implementation.

8 (c) (1) (i) Each county board shall designate a school health services
9 program coordinator.

10 (ii) A county board may authorize the county health department
11 to designate the school health services program coordinator.

12 (2) The school health services program coordinator shall:

13 (i) Implement State and local health policies in the public
14 schools;

15 (ii) Ensure that public schools adhere to local health services
16 guidelines; and

17 (iii) Communicate State and local health policies to the parents
18 and guardians of public school students.

19 (3) The county board shall grant the school health services program
20 coordinator the authority to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

21 (4) The Department of Education shall conduct at least two meetings
22 annually with all school health services program coordinators in the State.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2010.