

HOUSE BILL 453

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Maryland Center for School Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Center for School Safety as an
4 independent unit of State government; establishing the location and staffing of
5 the Center; specifying the function and duties of the Center; establishing the
6 Governing Board of the Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the
7 membership of the Governing Board; providing for the appointment and terms
8 for certain members of the Governing Board; providing for the duties of the
9 Governing Board; requiring the Governor to provide a certain amount in the
10 annual State budget to carry out certain provisions of law; specifying certain
11 funds to be used to support the operation of the Center; requiring the Governing
12 Board to make a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
13 before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to
14 the establishment of the Maryland Center for School Safety.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 7–1501 through 7–1505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
18 Maryland Center for School Safety”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 15. MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.**

2 **7-1501.**

3 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
4 **INDICATED.**

5 **(B) “CENTER” MEANS THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.**

6 **(C) “GOVERNING BOARD” MEANS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**
7 **MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.**

8 **7-1502.**

9 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.**

10 **(B) THE CENTER IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT WITHIN STATE**
11 **GOVERNMENT.**

12 **(C) THE CENTER SHALL BE BASED AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

13 **(D) THE HEAD OF THE CENTER IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO**
14 **SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.**

15 **(E) THE CENTER MAY EMPLOY THE ADDITIONAL STAFF NECESSARY TO**
16 **CARRY OUT THE CENTER’S FUNCTIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

17 **(F) THE CENTER SHALL PERFORM THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AND**
18 **DUTIES:**

19 **(1) COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE,**
20 **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY**
21 **ORGANIZATIONS, PARENTS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE A**
22 **COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED APPROACH TO SCHOOL SAFETY;**

23 **(2) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS:**

24 **(I) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES,**
25 **PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES;**

26 **(II) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING;**

1 (III) COLLABORATE ON COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND
2 INTEGRATION OF STATEWIDE DATA; AND

3 (IV) PROMOTE INTERAGENCY EFFORTS THAT SUPPORT SAFE
4 SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS, SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY
5 MEMBERS;

6 (3) ESTABLISH A SAFE SCHOOL INFORMATION AND BEST
7 PRACTICES CLEARINGHOUSE OF UP-TO-DATE, RESEARCH-BASED, AND
8 DATA-DRIVEN INFORMATION ON EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING AND
9 MAINTAINING SAFE SCHOOLS;

10 (4) IDENTIFY SAFE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL STAFF
11 DEVELOPMENT BEST PRACTICES;

12 (5) INITIATE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND FACILITATE
13 COORDINATION AMONG LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
15 TO LEVERAGE EXISTING RESOURCES TO DELIVER SCHOOL SAFETY SERVICES
16 UNIFORMLY TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS;

17 (6) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTATION TO
18 LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND COMMUNITY
19 ORGANIZATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR SAFE SCHOOLS AND VIOLENCE
20 PREVENTION;

21 (7) DEVELOP A WEB SITE CONTAINING A SEARCHABLE DATABASE
22 OF DEFINITIVE RESEARCH, BOOKS, VIDEOS, WHITE PAPERS, SPEAKERS, WEB
23 SITES, AND OTHER SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCES;

24 (8) DEVELOP CRITERIA THAT MAY BE APPLIED CONSISTENTLY
25 AND UNIFORMLY IN LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FOR CODING UNSAFE INCIDENTS
26 AND SERIOUS OR VIOLENT OFFENSES;

27 (9) RESEARCH AND RECOMMEND THE USE OF COMMON
28 ASSESSMENT TOOLS TO BE USED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND NEEDS
29 OF SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOODS TO FACILITATE INTERVENTION BEFORE
30 ASSESSED FINDINGS BECOME PROBLEMATIC;

31 (10) ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH
32 ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SCHOOL SAFETY DATA, SCHOOL BUILDING LAYOUTS,
33 AND USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR MONITORING PURPOSES TO DETERMINE
34 THE NEED FOR:

1 **(I) SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY;**
2 **AND**

3 **(II) INNOVATIONS TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF HUMAN**
4 **RESOURCES TO MONITOR ACTIVITY AND INFLUENCE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP**
5 **BUILDING;**

6 **(11) MAINTAIN AND MAXIMIZE RELATIONSHIPS WITH EMERGENCY**
7 **RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, PARENTS, AND OTHER**
8 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE SEAMLESS**
9 **EXECUTION IN AN EMERGENCY EVENT, INCLUDING:**

10 **(I) CONSOLIDATE RESOURCES AMONG STAKEHOLDERS TO**
11 **MAXIMIZE SUPPORT AND SECURE NECESSARY SKILLS TO ENSURE EMERGENCY**
12 **PLAN IMPLEMENTATION;**

13 **(II) CONDUCT COLLABORATIVE TRAINING AND**
14 **PREPARATION EXERCISES; AND**

15 **(III) IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENTS AND ENSURE**
16 **NONDUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES;**

17 **(12) PROVIDE SAFETY INFORMATION ON TRAVELING TO AND FROM**
18 **SCHOOL TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS TWICE A YEAR THAT INCLUDES DATA**
19 **RELATED TO BUS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, STRATEGIES FOR ENSURING**
20 **PERSONAL SAFETY, EFFORTS OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OR SCHOOL TO**
21 **IMPROVE SAFETY, AND INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR**
22 **REPORTING INCIDENTS OR CONCERNS;**

23 **(13) UTILIZE AND UPDATE AN EXISTING CLEARINGHOUSE OF LAW**
24 **ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SCHOOL SAFETY**
25 **TO ENSURE THAT IT INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING THE PURPOSE AND**
26 **PROCESS FOR ACCESSING AVAILABLE FUNDING;**

27 **(14) ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE AND MONITOR**
28 **TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS TO**
29 **REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE ACCIDENTS;**

30 **(15) ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE AND UPDATE**
31 **CURRENT DATA SYSTEMS TO ENSURE THEY ARE BEST SUITED FOR PROVIDING**
32 **USEFUL INFORMATION ON SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUES;**

1 **(16) ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO MONITOR LOCAL SCHOOL**
2 **SYSTEM AND INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL BEHAVIOR DATA TO ENSURE FAIRNESS IN**
3 **THE APPLICATION OF CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT MISBEHAVIOR;**

4 **(17) ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS:**

5 **(I) TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT COMBINES**
6 **MULTIPLE SCHOOL SAFETY DATA SYSTEMS INTO ONE FORMAT FOR PUBLIC**
7 **REVIEW; AND**

8 **(II) TO INCORPORATE NEW DATA POINTS INTO EXISTING**
9 **DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS;**

10 **(18) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**
11 **CRITERIA FOR THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES;**

12 **(19) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL SCHOOL**
13 **SYSTEMS IN THE REVIEW OF SAFETY AND SECURITY AUDITS AND THE**
14 **IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOL FACILITIES; AND**

15 **(20) FOSTER COORDINATION AMONG ALL ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE**
16 **FOR ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE**
17 **STATE.**

18 **7-1503.**

19 **(A) THERE IS A GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CENTER.**

20 **(B) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING**
21 **MEMBERS:**

22 **(1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, OR THE STATE**
23 **SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

24 **(2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
25 **DESIGNEE;**

26 **(3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S**
27 **DESIGNEE;**

28 **(4) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, OR**
29 **THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

1 **(5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF**
2 **SCHOOLS, APPOINTED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS'**
3 **ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;**

4 **(6) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF**
5 **BOARDS OF EDUCATION, APPOINTED BY THE ASSOCIATION;**

6 **(7) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OR SOCIOLOGIST, APPOINTED BY**
7 **THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; AND**

8 **(8) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING AT LEAST A**
9 **PARENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPUBLIC**
10 **SCHOOL, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS, APPOINTED BY**
11 **THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.**

12 **(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING**
13 **BOARD FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

14 **(D) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

15 **(1) SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR;**

16 **(2) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS**
17 **APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES; AND**

18 **(3) MAY BE REAPPOINTED BUT MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO**
19 **CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

20 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD:**

21 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
22 **GOVERNING BOARD; BUT**

23 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
24 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
25 **BUDGET.**

26 **(F) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL:**

27 **(1) DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO PHASE IN THE**
28 **ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CENTER;**

1 **(2) PROVIDE GENERAL OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION TO THE**
2 **CENTER; AND**

3 **(3) APPROVE THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CENTER.**

4 **7-1504.**

5 **(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE \$3,000,000 IN THE ANNUAL STATE**
6 **BUDGET TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

7 **(B) THE OPERATION OF THE CENTER SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY FUNDS:**

8 **(1) AS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE ANNUAL STATE**
9 **BUDGET;**

10 **(2) GRANTS OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL EDUCATION**
11 **AGENCIES;**

12 **(3) FEDERAL GRANTS; AND**

13 **(4) ANY OTHER GRANTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC OR**
14 **PRIVATE ENTITIES RECEIVED BY THE CENTER.**

15 **7-1505.**

16 **(A) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND,**
17 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
18 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR.**

19 **(B) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

20 **(1) A LIST OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER; AND**

21 **(2) AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS**
22 **OF THE CENTER.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2013.