

SENATE BILL 855

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By: **Senator Getty**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2013

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Collection of Biometric Information from Students –**
3 **Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board or a person subject to the direction and
5 control of the county board from collecting biometric information from students
6 enrolled in a public school; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
7 collection of biometric information from students enrolled in public schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–435
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 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 **7–435.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COLLECT BIOMETRIC INFORMATION” MEANS**
18 **THE NONINVASIVE ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF ANY**
19 **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SINGLE**
20 **INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING:**

21 **(1) FINGERPRINT CHARACTERISTICS;**

22 **(2) VOCAL CHARACTERISTICS;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS; AND**

2 **(4) ANY OTHER PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS USED FOR THE**
3 **PURPOSE OF ELECTRONICALLY IDENTIFYING THAT INDIVIDUAL WITH A HIGH**
4 **DEGREE OF CERTAINTY.**

5 **(B) A COUNTY BOARD OR A PERSON SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION AND**
6 **CONTROL OF THE COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT COLLECT BIOMETRIC INFORMATION**
7 **FROM ANY STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.