

# HOUSE BILL 197

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Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2015

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Education – Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State  
4 Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the  
5 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for a certain  
6 number of students in public high schools in Prince George’s County; authorizing the  
7 State Department of Education to collaborate with certain local community  
8 organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; defining a certain term;  
9 requiring the State Department of Education to report annually to certain  
10 committees of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
11 generally relating to the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in Prince  
12 George’s County.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–415.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–415.1.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE YOUTH WELLNESS  
2 LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (B) THERE IS A YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN THE  
4 DEPARTMENT.

5 (C) THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM FOR 125  
7 STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

8 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY  
9 ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY  
10 PROGRAMS.

11 (E) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

12 (1) PROMOTE YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY  
13 SKILLS; AND

14 (2) TEACH STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SKILLS IN  
15 THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

16 (I) HEALTH AND WELLNESS;

17 (II) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE;

18 (III) PEER EDUCATION;

19 (IV) LEADERSHIP;

20 (V) CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND

21 (VI) ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

22 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE SENATE  
23 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE  
24 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE  
25 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September  
28 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.