

# HOUSE BILL 448

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By: **Delegates K. Young and Reznik**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hazing**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the offense of hazing is committed by subjecting a  
4 student to the risk of serious bodily injury, regardless of whether injury actually  
5 occurs, for the purpose of a certain initiation; altering the penalty for a certain  
6 offense relating to subjecting a student to the risk of serious bodily injury; and  
7 generally relating to hazing.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 3–607

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 3–607.

17 (a) A person may not recklessly or intentionally do an act or create a situation  
18 that subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER**  
19 **INJURY ACTUALLY OCCURS**, for the purpose of an initiation into a student organization  
20 of a school, college, or university.

21 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction  
22 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding **[\$500] \$5,000**  
23 or both.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (c)     The implied or express consent of a student to hazing is not a defense under  
2 this section.

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2015.