

Chapter 609

**(House Bill 72)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program –  
Development and Implementation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools to develop and implement a certain program relating to the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring a certain program to be incorporated into the health curriculum of each county board of education and each nonpublic school; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–438

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

**7–438.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NONPUBLIC SCHOOL” MEANS A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT:**

**(1) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2–206(E) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

**(2) PARTICIPATES IN ~~STATE FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS~~ THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TEXTBOOK AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS PROGRAM.**

**(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD AND EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATION ON THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.**

**(2) THE PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:**

**(i) TAUGHT BY A TEACHER WHO IS TRAINED TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT; AND**

**(ii) INCORPORATED INTO THE HEALTH CURRICULUM OF EACH COUNTY BOARD AND EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.**

**(c) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.**