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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Health and Safety Guidelines and Procedures – Digital Devices

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to develop health and safety guidelines and procedures for the use of digital devices in public school classrooms; requiring each county board of education to implement certain health and safety guidelines and procedures for the use of digital devices in public school classrooms beginning in a certain school year; and generally relating to health and safety guidelines and procedures for the use of digital devices in public school classrooms.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 4–111.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

4–111.4.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL DEVELOP HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(B) BEGINNING IN THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.