

HOUSE BILL 920

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Pena–Melnik**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – School Personnel – Training Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to require, beginning on or
4 before a certain date, certain school personnel to complete training on or before a
5 certain date each year in, by a method determined by each county board of education,
6 certain knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to ~~the social,~~
7 ~~emotional, and personal development of students~~ youth suicide risk and identify
8 certain resources to help students in crisis; requiring certain training to be provided
9 to certain school personnel during in–service training or to be a professional
10 development requirement; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations;
11 requiring certain training for certain certificate holders applying for renewal of a
12 certificate as a school counselor to meet a certain standard or exceed the standard of
13 certain training required of other school personnel; and generally relating to a
14 training requirement for school personnel.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 6–122

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Education

22 Section 6–704.1

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(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

6–122.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6–704.1 OF THIS TITLE AND BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO COMPLETE TRAINING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BY A METHOD DETERMINED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO:

(1) UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO YOUTH SUICIDE RISK; AND

(2) IDENTIFY PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS IN CRISIS ~~UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATING TO:~~

~~(1) THE RECOGNITION OF INDICATORS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS, INCLUDING DEPRESSION, TRAUMA, VIOLENCE, YOUTH SUICIDE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AND~~

~~(2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS IN CRISIS.~~

(B) THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) PROVIDED TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL DURING AN IN-SERVICE PROGRAM; OR

(2) A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT THAT MAY BE MET DURING TIME DESIGNATED FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

(C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

6–704.1.

(a) On or before July 1, 2016, the Board shall require a certificate holder applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained TRAINING IN, by a method determined by the Board, the knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to

1 the social, emotional, and personal development of students, including knowledge and skills
2 relating to:

3 (1) The recognition of indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress,
4 including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse; and

5 (2) The identification of professional resources to help students in crisis.

6 **(B) THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
7 **SHALL BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE DUTIES OF A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND MAY**
8 **EXCEED THE TRAINING REQUIRED OF OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL UNDER § 6-122**
9 **OF THIS TITLE.**

10 **[(b)] (C)** The Board shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.