

HOUSE BILL 251

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HB 1560/17 – W&M

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Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Boundaries and**
3 **Consent**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to provide age–appropriate
5 instruction on the meaning of “consent” and respect for personal boundaries as part
6 of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in all grades in which the
7 curriculum is taught in public schools in the county beginning in a certain school
8 year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Family Life and Human
9 Sexuality curriculum in public schools in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–441

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–441.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSENT” MEANS UNAMBIGUOUS AND VOLUNTARY**
20 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTICIPANTS TO ENGAGE IN EACH ACT WITHIN THE**
21 **COURSE OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) BEGINNING IN THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL**
2 **PROVIDE AGE–APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON THE MEANING OF “CONSENT” AND**
3 **RESPECT FOR PERSONAL BOUNDARIES AS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN**
4 **SEXUALITY CURRICULUM IN EVERY GRADE IN WHICH THE CURRICULUM IS TAUGHT**
5 **IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2018.