A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning Education – Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Boundaries and Consent

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

BY adding to Article – Education Section 7–441 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–441.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSENT” MEANS UNAMBIGUOUS AND VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTICIPANTS TO ENGAGE IN EACH ACT WITHIN THE COURSE OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY.
(B) Beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, a county board shall provide age-appropriate instruction on the meaning of “consent” and respect for personal boundaries as part of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in every grade in which the curriculum is taught in public schools in the county.

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