

HOUSE BILL 442

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By: **Delegates Queen, Conaway, Hill, Hornberger, Kelly, Lam, Luedtke, Morhaim, Platt, M. Washington, and Wilkins**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Instruction in Public**
3 **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to provide certain instruction on
5 organ and tissue donation and registration to certain students in the public schools
6 in the county; specifying the purposes and goals of the instruction; and generally
7 relating to organ and tissue donation awareness instruction in public schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–441

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7–441.**

17 **(A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE AGE–APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION**
18 **ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND REGISTRATION AS PART OF THE PERSONAL**
19 **AND CONSUMER HEALTH CURRICULUM IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 IN THE PUBLIC**
20 **SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.**

21 **(B) THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE INSTRUCTION ARE TO:**

22 **(1) EMPHASIZE THE BENEFITS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION TO**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE GREATER SOCIETY AND TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUALS
2 WHOSE LIVES ARE SAVED OR IMPROVED BY THE DONATIONS;

3 (2) MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO MAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TO
4 REGISTER AS AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR ON REACHING ADULthood;

5 (3) ADDRESS MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ORGAN AND
6 TISSUE DONATION; AND

7 (4) EXPLAIN THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO MINORS AND ADULTS
8 REGARDING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION, INCLUDING MATTERS CONCERNING:

9 (i) THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE THE WRITTEN
10 CONSENT AND AUTHORITY OF PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS; AND

11 (ii) THE OPTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DESIGNATE AND
12 GRANT TO A DECISION MAKER THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ORGAN AND TISSUE
13 DONATION DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

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