

HOUSE BILL 668

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pediatric Stroke ~~Awareness Month~~ – Awareness, Training, and Resource**
3 **Materials**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the
5 Maryland Department of Health, to provide awareness and training to certain
6 individuals on pediatric stroke; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to
7 provide to the State Department of Education certain information on pediatric
8 stroke; ~~requiring the Governor to proclaim annually a certain month to be Pediatric~~
9 ~~Stroke Awareness Month; requiring the proclamation to urge the Maryland~~
10 ~~Department of Health and certain other entities to observe the month with certain~~
11 ~~activities; and generally relating to awareness, training, and resource materials on~~
12 ~~pediatric stroke and Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month.~~

13 ~~BY renumbering~~

14 ~~Article – General Provisions~~

15 ~~Section 7-504 through 7-506, respectively~~

16 ~~to be Section 7-505 through 7-507, respectively~~

17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

18 ~~(2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

19 BY adding to

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.



1 Article – Education
 2 Section 7–441
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

5 ~~BY adding to~~
 6 ~~Article – General Provisions~~
 7 ~~Section 7–504~~
 8 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 9 ~~(2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 1,600 to 4,000 live births each year and
 12 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in
 13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, Between 50% and 85% of infants and children who have a pediatric
 15 stroke will have permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis and seizures,
 16 speech and vision problems, and attention, learning, and behavioral difficulties, and may
 17 require ongoing physical therapy, educational interventions, and rehabilitative treatment;
 18 and

19 WHEREAS, The lifelong health challenges and treatments resulting from pediatric
 20 stroke place a significant financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and our
 21 society; and

22 WHEREAS, Since very little is known regarding the cause, treatment, and
 23 prevention of pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatments
 24 are often different for children; and

25 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves the
 26 chance of recovery and preventing recurrence; and

27 WHEREAS, Only through continued medical research can effective treatment and
 28 prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

29 WHEREAS, Increased awareness of pediatric stroke and support for further
 30 research will lead to earlier diagnosis of and more effective treatment for pediatric stroke
 31 and greatly improve the chances of recovery and preventing recurrence; now, therefore,

32 ~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,~~
 33 ~~That Section(s) 7–504 through 7–506, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the~~
 34 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–505 through 7–507,~~
 35 ~~respectively.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

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

Article – Education

7-441.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL PROVIDE AWARENESS AND TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS OF STUDENT SERVICES IN LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES ON PEDIATRIC STROKE.

(B) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT ~~RESOURCE INFORMATION ON PEDIATRIC STROKE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERVISORS OF HEALTH~~ FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERVISORS OF HEALTH, RESOURCE INFORMATION ON PEDIATRIC STROKE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE WARNING SIGNS OF PEDIATRIC STROKE.

~~Article – General Provisions~~

~~7-504.~~

~~(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF ALL MARYLANDERS, INCLUDING FAMILY CAREGIVERS, WHO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY PEDIATRIC STROKE.~~

~~(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADVOCACY ENTITIES, TO OBSERVE PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE WARNING SIGNS OF PEDIATRIC STROKE TO LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND SCHOOL NURSES.~~

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