

Chapter 542

(House Bill 1349)

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Students With Sickle Cell Disease – Revisions

FOR the purpose of extending the ~~date~~ dates for the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to develop guidelines, provide certain technical assistance to ~~schools~~ schools, and develop a process to monitor implementation of certain guidelines; extending the date for the departments to report to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 7–444
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Chapter 385 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
 Section 2

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 Chapter 386 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

7–444.

(a) On or before ~~December 1, 2018~~ **AUGUST 1, 2019**, the Department and the Maryland Department of Health shall develop guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease.

(b) The guidelines shall include:

(1) Procedures for educating clinical and nonclinical school personnel and individuals who work with students who are participating in school–related activities about symptoms of distress related to sickle cell disease;

(2) Protocols to ensure students with sickle cell disease receive care as determined by orders from the student's provider and the school nurse's assessment during school and school-sponsored after-school activities; and

(3) Any other issue pertaining to the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease.

(c) On or before [December 1, 2018] **SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**, the Department and the Maryland Department of Health shall:

(1) Provide technical assistance to schools to:

(i) Implement the guidelines established under this section; and

(ii) Instruct school personnel at the local level regarding the guidelines established under this section; and

(2) Develop a process to monitor the implementation of the guidelines.

Chapter 385 of the Acts of 2018

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with local school systems, local health departments, and other interested stakeholders, shall establish a plan for all public school health services programs in the State to provide sickle cell disease management services through implementation of policies and programs so students with sickle cell disease [management] can:

(1) remain safe in school;

(2) be supported for optimal academic achievement; and

(3) fully participate in all aspects of school programming, including after-school activities and other school-sponsored events.

(b) On or before December 1, [2018] **2020**, the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health shall report on the implementation of this Act, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Chapter 386 of the Acts of 2018

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.