

HOUSE BILL 1136

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By: **Delegates Pippy and Cox**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County Board of Education – Graduation Requirements – Mental Health Education

FOR the purpose of requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to increase the amount of mental health education credits that a student must complete to be awarded a high school diploma by the same proportion as the State Board of Education's increase to the required amount of health education credits under certain circumstances; requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to establish a certain mental health education curriculum in consultation with certain entities; and generally relating to mental health education requirements for graduation in public schools in Frederick County.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–205.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–205.5.

(A) (1) IF THE STATE BOARD INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF HEALTH EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST EARN TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY THE SAME PROPORTION

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



AS THE STATE BOARD'S INCREASE TO THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF HEALTH EDUCATION CREDITS.

(B) THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN CONSULTATION WITH:

(1) THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

(2) THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF MARYLAND;

(3) THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY; AND

(4) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE.

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