

**SB0222/823623/1**

BY: Delegate Washington

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 222  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “County” insert “=”; strike beginning with the first “-” in line 2 down through “Officers” in line 3 and substitute “and Student Mental Health Support System”; in line 9, after “meeting;” insert “establishing the Student Mental Health Support System Pilot Program in the Anne Arundel County public school system to help implement the goals and recommendations of the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Mental Health Task Force in a certain manner; providing for the duration of the Program; requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to report on or before certain dates to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Program; requiring certain reports to include certain data and information; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for certain fiscal years for the implementation of the Program; providing that the Anne Arundel County public school system is not required to implement the Program in a fiscal year if sufficient funding is not appropriated for that year; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; in line 10, strike “annual meeting and officers of the”; in the same line, after “Education” insert “and the Student Mental Health Support System Pilot Program”; and in line 13, after “3-2A-06.1” insert “and 7-446”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 31, insert:

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

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7-446.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

(C) THERE IS A STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM IN THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

(D) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE WITH A FOCUS ON PROVIDING SUPPORTS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEED OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS THROUGH:

(1) THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO THE INCREASE IN MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS;

(2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROACTIVE MEASURES AND BEST PRACTICES TO ADDRESS MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS;

(3) THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION AMONG THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS; AND

(4) THE IMPROVED DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE FAMILIES OF THE STUDENTS.

**(E) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 2021–2022 AND 2022–2023 SCHOOL YEARS.**

**(F) (1) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL IDENTIFY TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.**

**(2) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENER AT EACH OF THE SELECTED MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS IN NEED OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS.**

**(3) THE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENER IN EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL SHALL BE A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, OR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST.**

**(G) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022, AND DECEMBER 1, 2023, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.**

**(2) EACH REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

**(I) DATA ON THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM;**

**(II) INFORMATION ON THE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS PROVIDED; AND**

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(III) INFORMATION ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT IMPLICIT BIAS DID NOT FACTOR INTO THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

(H) (1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE TWO PART-TIME MENTAL HEALTH SCREENER POSITIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN THE SELECTED SCHOOLS.

(2) IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS NOT APPROPRIATED FOR A FISCAL YEAR, THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IS NOT REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM DURING THAT YEAR.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 3 of this Act.”.