

# HOUSE BILL 535

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By: **Delegates Saab, Bagnall, Bartlett, Cain, Carey, Chisholm, Howard, Kipke, and Malone**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program in Anne  
4 Arundel County to monitor students who have behavioral, social, or legal difficulties  
5 in a certain manner; providing for the duration of the Program; requiring the Anne  
6 Arundel County Board of Education, in collaboration with the Anne Arundel County  
7 Police Department and the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, to  
8 establish a certain number of preventive measure unit positions in certain middle  
9 schools to carry out the purpose of the Program; specifying that a certain position is  
10 in addition to a certain school resource officer; requiring the county board to report  
11 on or before a certain date each year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of  
12 the Program; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount in the State  
13 budget for certain fiscal years for the implementation of the Program; providing for  
14 the application of this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of  
15 this Act; and generally relating to the Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program in  
16 Anne Arundel County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 7–446

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **7–446.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PREVENTIVE MEASURE  
2 UNIT PILOT PROGRAM.

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

4 (C) THERE IS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM.

5 (D) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ESTABLISH PREVENTIVE  
6 MEASURE UNITS IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO MONITOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE  
7 BEHAVIORAL, SOCIAL, OR LEGAL DIFFICULTIES IN OR OUT OF SCHOOL THROUGH:

8 (1) INCREASED MONITORING AND ATTENTION; AND

9 (2) INDIVIDUALIZED NETWORKING WITH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS,  
10 SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS.

11 (E) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 2021–2022 AND  
12 2022–2023 SCHOOL YEARS.

13 (F) (1) THE COUNTY BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ANNE  
14 ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
15 MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY, SHALL SELECT THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO  
16 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

17 (2) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH ONE PREVENTIVE  
18 MEASURE UNIT POSITION IN EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TO CARRY OUT THE  
19 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

20 (3) A POSITION ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
21 SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AS  
22 DEFINED IN § 7–1501 OF THIS TITLE, WHO MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE SCHOOL.

23 (G) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AND EACH FEBRUARY 1  
24 THEREAFTER, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE  
26 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.

27 (H) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN  
28 THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT  
29 SUFFICIENT TO EMPLOY THE THREE INDIVIDUALS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
30 PROGRAM IN THE SELECTED SCHOOLS.

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

1 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2023,  
2 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
3 of no further force and effect.