

SENATE BILL 322

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public High Schools – Health Education – Gambling Dangers and Addiction**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, on or before a certain
4 date, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and
5 gambling addiction; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State
6 agencies responsible for gambling addiction education and control; ~~requiring~~
7 authorizing a county board of education to, beginning in a certain school year,
8 require each public ~~middle and~~ high school in the county to include instruction on
9 gambling dangers and addiction ~~in certain grades, beginning in a certain school year~~
10 and annually thereafter once during a certain period of time; authorizing the State
11 Board of Education to adopt regulations to implement this Act; requiring the
12 Department, on or before a certain date, to report to the Governor and the General
13 Assembly on the county boards that required instruction on the dangers of gambling
14 and gambling addiction, including information on the program of education that each
15 county board used; and generally relating to education on the dangers of gambling
16 and gambling addiction for students in public high schools.

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:

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.



Article – Education

7-446.

(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION TO BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

(B) THE GAMBLING DANGERS AND ADDICTION EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND CONTROL, INCLUDING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

(C) ~~ANNUALLY, BEGINNING~~ BEGINNING IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD ~~SHALL~~ MAY REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC ~~MIDDLE AND~~ HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION ~~IN~~ ONE TIME FOR STUDENTS DURING GRADES 6 9 THROUGH 12.

(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE COUNTY BOARDS THAT REQUIRED INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION THAT EACH COUNTY BOARD USED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.