

# SENATE BILL 726

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senators Lam, Rosapepe, ~~and West~~ West, and Carozza**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the types of health care providers required to complete a  
4 physical examination of a student entering the Maryland Public School System for  
5 the first time to include a physician ~~assistant~~; *assistant with a certain approval from*  
6 *the State Board of Physicians; clarifying that a physician must be licensed in order*  
7 *to complete a physical examination of a certain student*; and generally relating to  
8 school physical examinations.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–402

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 7–402.

5 (a) The Department of Education in consultation with the Maryland Department  
6 of Health shall adopt regulations requiring a physical examination for children entering  
7 the Maryland Public School System for the first time.

8 (b) The regulations shall require each child entering the Maryland Public School  
9 System for the first time to have a physical examination completed within:

10 (1) The 9–month period before entering the public school system; or

11 (2) The 6–month period after entering the public school system.

12 (c) The physical examination required under subsection (b) of this section shall  
13 be completed by:

14 (1) A *LICENSED* physician; [or]

15 (2) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WITH A DELEGATION  
16 AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS; OR

17 (3) A certified nurse practitioner.

18 (d) (1) For each school year each public school shall report to the county board  
19 or county health department the number of children entering the public school system for  
20 the first time who have not had a physical examination because of:

21 (i) The lack of access to health care;

22 (ii) Insufficient financial resources; or

23 (iii) Any other reason, including a religious reason, as the public  
24 school deems appropriate.

25 (2) The county board or county health department shall report the  
26 information obtained under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Maryland Department  
27 of Health.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
29 1, 2020.