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§7-1501.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Advisory Board” means the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board.
- (c) (1) “Behaviors of concern” means behaviors or threats that indicate a student may pose a risk of self-harm or harm to others.
 - (2) “Behaviors of concern” includes:
 - (i) Expressions of hopelessness;
 - (ii) Known drug use;
 - (iii) Suicidal gestures or statements; and
 - (iv) Known gang activity.
- (d) “Center” means the Maryland Center for School Safety.
- (e) “Drill” means a formalized exercise by which school system personnel, staff, or students rehearse a school emergency plan.
- (f) “Fund” means the Safe Schools Fund.
- (g) “Local law enforcement agency” means:
 - (1) A police department of a county or municipal corporation in the State; or
 - (2) A sheriff’s office that provides a law enforcement function in a county or municipal corporation in the State.
- (h) “Safety evaluation” means a written assessment of the safety conditions in each public school, including ingress, egress, and access to areas of refuge for all students.

(i) “School emergency plan” means a plan for each local school system and each public school within the school system that addresses mitigation of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from emergencies, including:

(1) Violent or traumatic events on school grounds during regular school hours or during school–sponsored activities; and

(2) Events in the community that affect school operations.

(j) “School resource officer” means:

(1) A law enforcement officer as defined under § 3–101(e) of the Public Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency as defined under § 3–101(b) of the Public Safety Article and the local education agency; or

(2) A Baltimore City school police officer, as defined in § 4–318 of this article.

(k) “School security employee” means an individual, as defined in regulations adopted by the Subcabinet, who:

(1) Is not a school resource officer; and

(2) Is employed by a local school system to provide safety and security–related services at a public school.

(l) “Subcabinet” means the School Safety Subcabinet.

(m) “Wraparound services” means services provided to students, and their families as appropriate, including:

(1) Mentoring;

(2) Tutoring;

(3) Child care services;

(4) Housing referrals;

(5) Transportation;

(6) Crisis intervention;

- (7) Substance abuse prevention and treatment;
- (8) Legal aid;
- (9) Academic counseling; and
- (10) Career counseling.

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