

HOUSE BILL 1485

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HB 1105/23 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Toles**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Water Safety and Swimming Course – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content
4 standards for a course on water safety and swimming for public school students in
5 certain grades; requiring county boards of education to implement the water safety
6 and swimming course for students in certain grades in certain schools in the county;
7 and generally relating to a course on water safety and swimming in public schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–452

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7–452.**

17 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL**
18 **DEVELOP CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS FOR A COURSE ON WATER SAFETY**
19 **AND SWIMMING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH**
20 **GRADE 12.**

21 **(B) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY**
22 **BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT A COURSE ON WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING BASED ON**
23 **THE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN
2 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12.

3 (2) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AWARD AN ELECTIVE PHYSICAL
4 EDUCATION CREDIT TO STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

5 (C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH A LOCAL PARKS AND
6 RECREATION AGENCY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NECESSARY WATER AND
7 SWIMMING FACILITIES FOR THE COURSE OFFERED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
8 SECTION.

9 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
10 SECTION.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2024.