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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Norplant (Levonorgestrel Implant) - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting school health programs administered in public schools  
4 from dispensing Norplant (levonorgestrel implant); allowing public school health  
5 programs to refer students who inquire about Norplant (levonorgestrel implant) to  
6 community-based health centers; and generally relating to prohibiting the  
7 distribution of Norplant in public schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-401.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-401.1.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NORPLANT" MEANS A LEVONORGESTREL IMPLANT.

18 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A SCHOOL HEALTH  
19 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY NOT OFFER OR DISPENSE  
20 NORPLANT TO STUDENTS.

21 (C) A SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM MAY REFER STUDENTS WHO INQUIRE  
22 ABOUT NORPLANT TO COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 1997.