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

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Education - School Health ~~Pilot~~ Program - Continuation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a health research design analyst designated by the  
 4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Baltimore City Health  
 5 Department to prepare certain reports on the status and success of the School  
 6 Health ~~Pilot~~ Program on a certain date; ~~extending~~ repealing the provisions of law  
 7 relating to the termination of the School Health ~~Pilot~~ Program ~~to a certain date~~;  
 8 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the  
 9 continuation of the School Health ~~Pilot~~ Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Education

12 Section 7-415 ~~and 7-418~~

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1997 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing16 Article - Education17 Section 7-41818 Annotated Code of Maryland19 (1997 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Education**

2 7-415.

3 (a) (1) There is a School Health ~~Pilot~~ Program.

4 (2) The general purpose of the Program is to implement a ~~model~~ program in  
5 two areas of this State in which portions of the population currently are underserved.

6 (3) The ~~model program~~ PROGRAM is designed to:

7 (i) Improve the health of school age children in this State; and

8 (ii) Provide a ~~system for evaluation~~ REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE  
9 of the Program.

10 (4) Each of the two areas of this State shall be served by separate and equal  
11 component parts. One part of the Program will be operated in Baltimore City and the  
12 other in Caroline County.

13 (b) (1) The specific purposes and objectives of the Program operated in  
14 Baltimore City are:

15 (i) To encourage and promote appropriate and cost effective use of  
16 health care services;

17 (ii) To reduce unnecessary use of hospital emergency room services;  
18 [and]

19 (iii) To demonstrate the efficacy of involving parents, students, and  
20 community organizations in school health programs, particularly with regard to recruiting  
21 and retaining students in school health programs; and

22 (iv) To assess whether school health programs could be used as a basis  
23 for advising other family members of the student of other sources of primary care.

24 (2) The specific purposes and objectives of the Program operated in  
25 Caroline County are:

26 (i) To concentrate on the early identification, health counseling, and  
27 referral for mental health problems to prevent suicides; and

28 (ii) To assess whether school health programs could be used as a basis  
29 for advising other family members of the student of other sources of primary care.

30 (c) (1) Funds for this Program shall be used to acquire:

31 (i) For the Baltimore City Program, the services of one full-time  
32 nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider; and

33 (ii) For the Caroline County Program, the services of one full-time  
34 nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider.

35 (2) The local subdivisions shall be reimbursed for the purchase of necessary  
36 supplies for the Program.

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1 (3) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Baltimore City  
2 Health Department shall designate a part-time health research design analyst:

3 (i) ~~To plan the design of the Program;~~

4 ~~(ii)~~ To work with the local subdivisions to collect and analyze data  
5 during the program period; and

6 ~~(iii)~~ (II) Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to  
7 prepare the reports to the General Assembly and the Secretary of Health and Mental  
8 Hygiene on July 1, 1992 [and], July 1, 1997, AND JULY 1, ~~2001~~ 2000 on the status and  
9 success of the Program.

10 (d) The Program staff shall develop or appropriately adapt an existing parental  
11 consent form for the provision of health services.

12 ~~7-418.~~

13 ~~The provisions of this subtitle creating the School Health Pilot Program and relating~~  
14 ~~to the regulation of this Program and any regulations promulgated under the Program are~~  
15 ~~of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, [1997] 2002.~~

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 June 1, 1997.