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**By: Senators Hollinger, Blount, and Colburn**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 the provisions of law relating to  
7 the termination of the School Health Pilot Program to a certain date; and generally  
8 relating to the continuation of the School Health Pilot Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 7-415 and 7-418  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 7-415.

18 (a) (1) There is a School Health Pilot Program.

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

21 (3) The model program is designed to:

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

23 (ii) Provide a system for evaluation of the Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (i) To plan the design of the Program;

26 (ii) To work with the local subdivisions to collect and analyze data  
27 during the program period; and

28 (iii) Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to prepare  
29 the reports to the General Assembly and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on  
30 July 1, 1992 [and], July 1, 1997, AND JULY 1, 2001 on the status and success of the  
31 Program.

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

34 7-418.

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

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