

By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - School Safety Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, in consultation with  
4 local emergency management, law enforcement, fire and rescue squads,  
5 community leaders, school personnel, and students, to prepare and annually  
6 update a school safety plan with certain requirements; requiring the Maryland  
7 State Emergency Management Agency to train and provide technical assistance  
8 to school personnel regarding certain safety issues; requiring each county board  
9 of education to annually submit its safety plans to the State Board of Education  
10 for approval and funding; requiring the State Board to include in its annual  
11 budget request the funds required for statewide implementation of school safety  
12 programs; requiring the Governor to provide funding determined by the State  
13 Board to be necessary to carry out this section.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Education  
16 Section 7-420  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 7-420.

23 (A) EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL EMERGENCY  
24 MANAGEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE SQUADS, COMMUNITY  
25 LEADERS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL, AND STUDENTS, SHALL PREPARE AND ANNUALLY  
26 UPDATE A SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN.

27 (B) THE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN SHALL ESTABLISH METHODS OF:

28 (1) ADDRESSING THE GROWING INCIDENCE OF STUDENT VIOLENCE;

1 (2) PROVIDING A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT;

2 (3) ASSURING SAFETY OF STUDENTS TRANSPORTED BY SCHOOL  
3 DURING NONINSTRUCTIONAL HOURS;

4 (4) RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO CRISES INCLUDING:

5 (I) ACTS AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE BY STUDENTS AND  
6 NONSTUDENTS;

7 (II) ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND LOSS;

8 (III) NATURAL DISASTERS; AND

9 (IV) EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS OR RADIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES;

10 (5) ALLOWING MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
11 PERSONNEL TO TRAIN AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL  
12 PERSONNEL; AND

13 (6) USING VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS, METAL DETECTORS, AND  
14 OTHER SECURITY DEVICES TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

15 (C) MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL SHALL  
16 TRAIN AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN  
17 AREAS INCLUDING:

18 (1) CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM DEVELOPMENT;

19 (2) CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLANNING;

20 (3) SAFE SCHOOL PLANNING;

21 (4) SITE SURVEYS AND SAFETY AUDITS;

22 (5) EXERCISE DESIGN;

23 (6) EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING;

24 (7) SEARCH AND SEIZURE;

25 (8) BOMB THREAT MANAGEMENT; AND

26 (9) MODEL SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS.

27 (D) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ITS SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN  
28 ANNUALLY TO THE STATE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AND FUNDING.

29 (E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST  
30 THE FUNDS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT SCHOOL  
31 SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1 (F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET THE AMOUNT  
2 OF FUNDING DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE STATE BOARD TO CARRY OUT THIS  
3 SECTION.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2000.