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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **John Joseph Price Gun Safety Education Program**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a certain gun safety education program in public schools;
4 requiring the State Department of Education to establish certain guidelines;
5 requiring local school boards to develop a certain curriculum; and generally
6 relating to a gun safety education program.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-418
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-418.

16 (A) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE A MANDATORY GUN SAFETY
17 EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS GIVEN IN A PLANNED AND SEQUENTIAL MANNER,
18 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12, AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTION IN HEALTH
19 EDUCATION.

1 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE
2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM.

3 (C) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

4 (1) DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH A
5 CURRICULUM:

6 (I) APPROPRIATE TO THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND NEEDS OF EACH
7 SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

8 (II) UTILIZING MULTIPLE RESOURCES FOR CREATION;

9 (2) SUBMIT THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION; AND

11 (3) REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH
12 SCHOOL YEAR ON THE STATUS OF THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2001.