

SENATE BILL 446

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - Firearms Safety and Accident Avoidance**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to establish a certain
5 firearms safety and accident avoidance program for certain students to be
6 implemented by each county board of education; requiring the State Board to
7 develop, in conjunction with certain State and local agencies, guidelines and
8 curricula for the program in accordance with certain criteria; requiring each
9 county board to implement the program; authorizing a county board to
10 implement the program in conjunction with certain State and local agencies;
11 authorizing a county board to implement certain supplemental firearms safety
12 and accident avoidance programs; making a stylistic change; and generally
13 relating to a firearms safety and accident avoidance program in public schools in
14 the State.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Education
17 Section 2-205(h)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article - Education
22 Section 7-411.1
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 2-205.

3 (h) (1) With the advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall
4 establish basic policy and guidelines for the program of instruction for the public
5 schools.

6 (2) The policy and guidelines shall be printed in sufficient quantities to
7 provide copies to:

8 (i) Public school officials and teachers;

9 (ii) Private schools; and

10 (iii) Interested citizens of this State.

11 (3) The State Board [of Education] shall require the establishment of
12 criteria in each county for the selection of applicants for enrollment in public
13 secondary school career and technology education programs. Enrollment criteria
14 developed for this purpose shall ensure equal access to programs.

15 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

16 (I) ESTABLISH A FIREARMS SAFETY AND ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE
17 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 6 TO BE
18 IMPLEMENTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD; AND

19 (II) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
20 RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 AGENCIES, DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND CURRICULA FOR THE PROGRAM THAT:

22 1. ARE APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENTS IN EACH GRADE
23 LEVEL; AND

24 2. PROVIDE COUNTY BOARDS FLEXIBILITY TO MEET THE
25 DIVERSE NEEDS OF EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE.

26 7-411.1.

27 (A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT A FIREARMS SAFETY AND
28 ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER §
29 2-205(H)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.

30 (B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION
31 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
32 POLICE, OR A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

33 (C) A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL FIREARMS SAFETY AND
34 ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPLEMENT THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
35 BY THE STATE BOARD.

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