

SENATE BILL 862

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CF HB 278

By: **Senators Schrader, Harris, Jacobs, Kittleman, and Mooney**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Distribution of Politically Related Material - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to prohibit a public school
4 from distributing certain politically related material to students; providing
5 certain exemptions; and generally relating to the distribution of politically
6 related material in public schools.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-115
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 7-115.

16 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EACH
17 COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM DISTRIBUTING TO
18 STUDENTS A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION REGARDING A POLITICAL ISSUE THAT:

19 (1) ADVOCATES A PARTICULAR POSITION OR REQUESTS A PARTICULAR
20 ACTION; AND

21 (2) IS DIRECTED TOWARDS STUDENTS, PARENTS, OR BOTH.

22 (B) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM
23 DISTRIBUTING:

24 (1) SAFETY INFORMATION OR SECURITY INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO
25 STUDENTS; OR

26 (2) POLITICALLY RELATED MATERIAL THROUGH THE POSTAL MAIL.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2004.