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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - School Health Services Program Coordinator**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to designate a school  
4 health services program coordinator; requiring the coordinator to carry out  
5 certain duties; requiring the county board to grant the coordinator certain  
6 authority; requiring the State Department of Education to conduct certain  
7 meetings; and generally relating to school health services program coordinators  
8 in public schools.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 7-401  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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 7-401.

18 (a) With the assistance of the county health department, each county board  
19 shall provide:

- 20 (1) Adequate school health services;
- 21 (2) Instruction in health education; and
- 22 (3) A healthful school environment.

23 (b) The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental  
24 Hygiene jointly shall:

1 (1) Develop public standards and guidelines for school health programs;  
2 and

3 (2) Offer assistance to the county boards and county health departments  
4 in their implementation.

5 (C) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE A SCHOOL HEALTH  
6 SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

7 (2) THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR SHALL:

8 (I) IMPLEMENT STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH POLICIES IN THE  
9 PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

10 (II) ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADHERE TO LOCAL HEALTH  
11 SERVICES GUIDELINES; AND

12 (III) COMMUNICATE STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH POLICIES TO THE  
13 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

14 (3) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL GRANT THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES  
15 PROGRAM COORDINATOR THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
16 SUBSECTION.

17 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO  
18 MEETINGS ANNUALLY WITH ALL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM  
19 COORDINATORS IN THE STATE.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2005.