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CHAPTER _____

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; permitting a county board to authorize the
5 county health department to designate the coordinator; requiring the
6 coordinator to carry out certain duties; requiring the county board to grant the
7 coordinator certain authority; requiring the State Department of Education to
8 conduct certain meetings; requiring school health services program coordinators
9 to ensure that public schools adhere to certain guidelines; and generally relating
10 to school health services program coordinators in public schools.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 7-401
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 7-401.

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

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

4 (b) The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental
5 Hygiene jointly shall:

- 6 (1) Develop public standards and guidelines for school health programs;
7 and
- 8 (2) Offer assistance to the county boards and county health departments
9 in their implementation.

10 (C) (1) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE A SCHOOL HEALTH
11 SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

12 (II) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY HEALTH
13 DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM
14 COORDINATOR.

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

16 (I) IMPLEMENT STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH POLICIES IN THE
17 PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

18 (II) ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADHERE TO LOCAL HEALTH
19 SERVICES GUIDELINES; AND

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

22 (3) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL GRANT THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
23 PROGRAM COORDINATOR THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
24 SUBSECTION.

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

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each school health
29 services program coordinator shall ensure that public schools in the county adhere to
30 the Maryland State School Health Services Guidelines issued in 2001 by the State
31 Department of Education, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the
32 Maryland State School Health Council entitled "Guidelines for Protecting Students
33 and Staff From Overexposure to the Sun."

34 SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
35 effect October 1, 2005.

