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By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - Education) and Delegates Bartlett, Bozman, Cardin, Dumais, Heller, Kaiser, King, and Patterson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Youth Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, instead  
4 of the State Department of Education, to seek certain federal funds for certain  
5 youth suicide prevention programs; requiring the Governor's Office for  
6 Children, instead of the State Department of Education, to submit certain  
7 reports; and generally relating to youth suicide prevention and mental health  
8 programs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 7-505 and 7-506  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 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 7-505.

18 (a) The Department shall:

19 (1) As to each program receiving State funding:

20 (i) Monitor its operations; and

21 (ii) Evaluate annually its effectiveness.

22 (2) Review and either approve or disapprove the application for State  
23 funding of a proposal program.

1 (b) (1) The funding of an eligible program shall be a shared responsibility of  
2 this State and local education agencies.

3 (2) Each eligible program shall submit to the Department a proposed  
4 annual budget for review and approval, at the times that the Department specifies.

5 (3) The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible  
6 programs and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.

7 (4) The Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall seek  
8 federal funds for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs under the Garret Lee  
9 Smith Memorial Act.

10 (c) The State funds designated for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs  
11 may be included in the budgets of:

12 (1) The Department; and

13 (2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

14 7-506.

15 (a) The local education agency and the local health department shall identify  
16 funds from public and private agencies for development and implementation of the  
17 Program.

18 (b) The [Department] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN shall submit an  
19 annual report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
20 Article, the General Assembly regarding the current status and effectiveness of the  
21 Programs established under this subtitle.

22 (c) The Governor shall include funds in the budget to carry out the provisions  
23 of this subtitle.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
25 effect July 1, 2006.