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

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ repealing a provision of law that requires the
6 Department of Education to seek certain federal funds; requiring the Governor's
7 Office for Children, instead of the State Department of Education, to submit
8 certain reports; and generally relating to youth suicide prevention and mental
9 health programs.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Education
12 Section 7-505 and 7-506
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 7-505.

19 (a) The Department shall:

- 1 (1) As to each program receiving State funding:
- 2 (i) Monitor its operations; and
- 3 (ii) Evaluate annually its effectiveness.
- 4 (2) Review and either approve or disapprove the application for State
5 funding of a proposal program.
- 6 (b) (1) The funding of an eligible program shall be a shared responsibility of
7 this State and local education agencies.
- 8 (2) Each eligible program shall submit to the Department a proposed
9 annual budget for review and approval, at the times that the Department specifies.
- 10 (3) The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible
11 programs and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.
- 12 ~~(4) The Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall seek~~
13 ~~federal funds for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs under the Garret Lee~~
14 ~~Smith Memorial Act.~~
- 15 (c) The State funds designated for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs
16 may be included in the budgets of:
- 17 (1) The Department; and
- 18 (2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- 19 7-506.
- 20 (a) The local education agency and the local health department shall identify
21 funds from public and private agencies for development and implementation of the
22 Program.
- 23 (b) The [Department] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN shall submit an
24 annual report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
25 Article, the General Assembly regarding the current status and effectiveness of the
26 Programs established under this subtitle.
- 27 (c) The Governor shall include funds in the budget to carry out the provisions
28 of this subtitle.

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

