

# HOUSE BILL 859

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By: **Delegates Burns, Haynes, Kirk, Nathan-Pulliam, Simmons, Taylor, and Vallario**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Program of Instruction – Civil Rights**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Education to make civil rights  
4 education a part of the elementary and secondary program of instruction in  
5 public schools; and generally relating to teaching civil rights in public schools.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Education  
8 Section 2–205(a), (b), and (c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2006 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 2–205(h)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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 2–205.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In addition to the other powers granted and duties imposed under this  
2 article, the State Board has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

3 (b) Except as provided in § 4–309 of this article, the State Board shall:

4 (1) Determine the elementary and secondary educational policies of  
5 this State; and

6 (2) Cause to be carried out those provisions of this article that are  
7 within its jurisdiction.

8 (c) (1) The State Board shall adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations for the  
9 administration of the public schools.

10 (2) These bylaws, rules, and regulations have the force of law when  
11 adopted and published.

12 (3) The bylaws, rules, and regulations apply to each county. However,  
13 they do not apply to Baltimore City to the extent that they relate to matters that are  
14 the subject of other provisions of this article that do not apply to Baltimore City.

15 (h) (1) **[With] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
16 **SUBSECTION, WITH** the advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall  
17 establish basic policy and guidelines for the program of instruction for the public  
18 schools.

19 (2) **THE STATE BOARD MAY MAKE CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION A**  
20 **PART OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR**  
21 **THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

22 **[(2)] (3)** The policy and guidelines shall be printed in sufficient  
23 quantities to provide copies to:

24 (i) Public school officials and teachers;

25 (ii) Private schools; and

26 (iii) Interested citizens of this State.

27 **[(3)] (4)** The State Board of Education shall require the  
28 establishment of criteria in each county for the selection of applicants for enrollment

1 in public secondary school career and technology education programs. Enrollment  
2 criteria developed for this purpose shall ensure equal access to programs.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 2007.