

# HOUSE BILL 1046

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Self-Injury by Cutting – Public Awareness Campaign**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration  
4 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to establish and promote  
5 in certain schools a public awareness campaign related to self-injury by cutting;  
6 providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing the State  
7 Superintendent to use certain resources to carry out the provisions of this Act;  
8 and generally relating to a public awareness campaign about self-injury by  
9 cutting.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 7–426  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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 **7–426.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (A)   (1)   THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND  
3 PROMOTE IN SCHOOLS IN THE STATE A PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS,  
4 AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING.

5                   (2)   THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

6                           (I)   REACH OUT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OR  
7 GUARDIANS, AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK  
8 FOR SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING;

9                           (II)   DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-INJURY  
10 BY CUTTING THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, TELEVISION, POSTERS, OR ANY  
11 OTHER MEDIUM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND  
12 EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;

13                           (III)   DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF  
14 CHARGE TO HEALTH CLINICS AND TO ESTABLISHMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS  
15 THAT SERVE THE TARGETED POPULATION; AND

16                           (IV)   INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE STATE  
17 SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

18           (B)   TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT:

19                           (1)   ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE AID OR INFORMATION FROM  
20 ANY AGENCY OF THIS STATE, OR FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

21                           (2)   MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY  
22 GROUPS; AND

23                           (3)   MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.

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