

HOUSE BILL 1046

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – ~~Self-Injury by Cutting~~ – ~~Public Awareness Campaign~~**
3 **Self-Mutilation – Awareness, Training, and Distribution of Materials**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State ~~Superintendent of Schools~~ Department of
5 Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
6 to ~~establish and promote in certain schools a public awareness campaign related~~
7 ~~to self-injury by cutting; providing for the components of the campaign;~~
8 ~~authorizing the State Superintendent to use certain resources to carry out the~~
9 ~~provisions of this Act;~~ provide awareness and training for certain individuals on
10 self-mutilation; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
11 provide to the State Department of Education certain information and materials
12 on self-mutilation; and generally relating to a public awareness campaign about
13 ~~self-injury by cutting~~ awareness, training, and distribution of materials on
14 self-mutilation.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 7-426

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article - Education**

5 **7-426.**

6 (A) ~~(1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENT, IN~~
7 ~~COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE,~~
8 ~~SHALL PROVIDE AWARENESS AND TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS OF STUDENT~~
9 ~~SERVICES IN LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES ON SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING~~
10 ~~INJURY BY CUTTING.~~

11 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL
12 PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT:

13 (1) RESOURCE INFORMATION ON SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING
14 INJURY BY CUTTING, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERVISORS OF
15 HEALTH, COUNSELING, AND PSYCHOLOGY; AND

16 (2) MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION THAT DESCRIBE LOCAL,
17 STATE, AND NATIONAL RESOURCES TO WHICH STUDENTS, PARENTS,
18 COUNSELORS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL CAN REFER FOR INFORMATION ON
19 SELF-MUTILATION, INCLUDING INJURY BY CUTTING. ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE
20 IN SCHOOLS IN THE STATE A PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND
21 EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING.

22 ~~(2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:~~

23 ~~(i) REACH OUT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OR~~
24 ~~GUARDIANS, AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK~~
25 ~~FOR SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING;~~

26 ~~(ii) DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-INJURY~~
27 ~~BY CUTTING THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, TELEVISION, POSTERS, OR ANY~~
28 ~~OTHER MEDIUM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND~~
29 ~~EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;~~

1 ~~(III) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF~~
2 ~~CHARGE TO HEALTH CLINICS AND TO ESTABLISHMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS~~
3 ~~THAT SERVE THE TARGETED POPULATION; AND~~

4 ~~(IV) INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE STATE~~
5 ~~SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.~~

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

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

9 ~~(2) MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY~~
10 ~~GROUPS; AND~~

11 ~~(3) MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.~~

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.