

# HOUSE BILL 1372

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Student Health – Inhalant Abuse – Awareness Campaign and Education**  
3 **Requirements**  
4 **(Mackenzie’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration  
6 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to establish and promote  
7 in certain schools an information, awareness, and education campaign related  
8 to inhalant abuse; providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing  
9 the State Superintendent to use certain resources to carry out the provisions of  
10 this Act; requiring the State Board of Education to include the subject of  
11 inhalants and inhalant abuse in the curricula of the comprehensive health  
12 education program; requiring the State Board to submit a certain report to the  
13 General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to an  
14 awareness campaign and education requirements related to inhalant abuse.

15 BY adding to

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### 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.



Article – Education  
Section 7–426  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Education**

**7–426.**

(A) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE IN SCHOOLS IN THE STATE AN INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON INHALANT ABUSE.

(2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

(I) REACH OUT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK FOR INHALANT ABUSE;

(II) DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT INHALANT THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, TELEVISION, POSTERS, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;

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

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

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

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

1                   (2)    **MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY**  
2 **GROUPS; AND**

3                   (3)    **MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.**

4                   **(C)    THE STATE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE INHALANTS AND INHALANT**  
5 **ABUSE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN THE CURRICULA OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH**  
6 **EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

7                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

8                   (a)    On or before June 30, 2008, the State Board of Education shall submit a  
9 report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General  
10 Assembly regarding the information, awareness, and education campaign on inhalant  
11 abuse.

12                   (b)    The report shall include:

13                           (1)    a copy of all written materials distributed by the State Board and  
14 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

15                           (2)    statistics on inhalant abuse by Maryland students before and after  
16 the campaign;

17                           (3)    a summary of the manner in which the State Superintendent  
18 carried out the campaign;

19                           (4)    a description of how the subject of inhalants and inhalant abuse  
20 was included in the comprehensive health education program; and

21                           (5)    any other relevant information as determined by the State Board  
22 of Education.

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