

CHAPTER 478

(House Bill 1372)

AN ACT concerning

**Student Health – Inhalant Abuse – Awareness ~~Campaign and Education~~
Requirements, Training, and Distribution of Materials**
(Mackenzie's Law)

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

BY adding to

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~~ DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE,

SHALL PROVIDE AWARENESS AND TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS OF STUDENT SERVICES IN LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES ON INHALANT ABUSE.

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

(1) RESOURCE INFORMATION ON INHALANT ABUSE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERVISORS OF HEALTH, COUNSELING, AND PSYCHOLOGY; AND

(2) MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION THAT DESCRIBE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL RESOURCES TO WHICH STUDENTS, PARENTS, COUNSELORS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL CAN REFER FOR INFORMATION ON INHALANT ABUSE. 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;

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

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

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

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

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

~~(b) The report shall include:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.