

HOUSE BILL 508

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CF SB 404

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Physical Education Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations
4 that require certain public schools occupied after a certain date to include a
5 gymnasium and support spaces for physical education instruction and to adopt
6 guidelines for facilities for physical education programs; and generally relating
7 to physical education facilities in public schools.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–409
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 7–409.

17 (a) Each public school shall have a program of physical education that is
18 given in a planned and sequential manner to all students, kindergarten through grade
19 12, to develop their good health and physical fitness and improve their motor
20 coordination and physical skills.

21 (b) The Department shall employ a full–time director of physical education.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

2 **(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL**
3 **BUILDINGS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR COMPLETELY RENOVATED AND OCCUPIED**
4 **AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012, TO INCLUDE A GYMNASIUM AND SUPPORT SPACES FOR**
5 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION; AND**

6 **(2) ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR FACILITIES FOR PHYSICAL**
7 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2009.