

HOUSE BILL 845

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Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence – Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop and implement
4 in the public schools a program to educate students about dating violence;
5 requiring the program to include education on services provided to victims of
6 dating violence; requiring the program to be started in each public school before
7 a certain grade; altering the definition of “victim of domestic violence” for
8 purposes of certain provisions of law to include a certain person; requiring the
9 Governor annually to proclaim the second week in October “Statewide
10 Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness Week”; and generally
11 relating to dating violence.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 7–411.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Family Law
19 Section 4–513
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 13–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Commemorative
25 Weeks”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–411.1.

(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT DATING VIOLENCE.

(B) A PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
SHALL INCLUDE EDUCATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF DATING
VIOLENCE.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE STARTED IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
BEFORE THE SIXTH GRADE.

Article – Family Law

4–513.

In this Part III and in Part IV of this subtitle, “victim of domestic violence”
means an individual who has received deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical
injury, or is in fear of imminent deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury
from a current or former spouse, [or] a current or former cohabitant, as defined in §
4–501 of this subtitle, **OR A PERSON WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS OR HAS
HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP.**

Article – State Government

SUBTITLE 6. COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS.

13–601.

**THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK IN
OCTOBER AS TWEEN/TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS
WEEK.**

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