

# HOUSE BILL 845

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Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

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## 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”

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   Annotated Code of Maryland  
2                   (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

5                   **Article – Education**

6                   **7-411.1.**

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

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

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

14                  **Article – Family Law**

15                  **4-513.**

16                  In this Part III and in Part IV of this subtitle, “victim of domestic violence”  
17                  means an individual who has received deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical  
18                  injury, or is in fear of imminent deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury  
19                  from a current or former spouse, [or] a current or former cohabitant, as defined in §  
20                  4-501 of this subtitle, **OR A PERSON WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS OR HAS  
21                  HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP.**

22                  **Article – State Government**

23                  **SUBTITLE 6. COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS.**

24                  **13-601.**

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

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