

HOUSE BILL 1401

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CF SB 867

By: **Delegates Oaks, Costa, Frank, Kipke, ~~and Pena Melnyk~~ Pena Melnyk, and Stukes**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Oral Health Education – ~~Certification and~~**
3 **Monitoring**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain county superintendents to make certain~~
5 ~~certifications regarding oral health education on or before a certain date each~~
6 ~~year~~, requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate
7 certain education and develop a process to monitor certain implementation of
8 certain education; requiring the Department to report certain information to the
9 Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date ~~each year~~ at certain
10 intervals; and generally relating to oral health education in the State.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 4–111.1

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

17 ~~Article – Education~~

18 ~~Section 7–401(a)~~

19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

20 ~~(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)~~

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.



1 Preamble

2 WHEREAS, Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease
3 and over 50% of children aged 5 to 9 years old have at least one cavity or filling; and

4 WHEREAS, Pain and suffering due to untreated dental diseases can lead to
5 problems eating, speaking, and attending to learning; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe and effective measures exist to prevent the most common
7 dental diseases such as tooth decay and periodontal diseases; now, therefore,

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

10 Article – Education

11 4-111.1.

12 ~~(A) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-401 OF THIS ARTICLE,~~
13 ~~ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT~~
14 ~~SHALL CERTIFY TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT THAT ORAL HEALTH~~
15 ~~EDUCATION, INCLUDING ORAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND DENTAL HEALTH~~
16 ~~PROMOTION, IS BEING TAUGHT IN THE COUNTY.~~

17 ~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

18 (1) SUPPORT AND FACILITATE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN
19 EVERY COUNTY; AND

20 (2) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
21 ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION ~~AS CERTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS~~
22 ~~SECTION.~~

23 ~~(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT~~
24 ~~SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE~~
25 ~~GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REGARDING THE~~
26 ~~MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE~~
27 ~~STATE.~~

28 ~~7-401.~~

29 ~~(a) With the assistance of the county health department, each county board~~
30 ~~shall provide:~~

31 ~~(1) Adequate school health services;~~

1 ~~(2) Instruction in health education, including the importance of~~
2 ~~physical activity, ORAL DISEASE PREVENTION, AND DENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION~~
3 ~~in maintaining good health; and~~

4 ~~(3) A healthful school environment.~~

5 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2012, AND EVERY 5 YEARS**
6 **THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND,**
7 **SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
8 **ASSEMBLY, A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE STATE**
9 **SUPERINTENDENT DURING THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION**
10 **COMAR CERTIFICATION PROCESS.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.