

# SENATE BILL 867

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By: ~~Senator Conway~~ Senators Conway, Dyson, Montgomery, Rosapepe, and Simonaire

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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 oral health education ~~and~~, develop a process to monitor certain  
8 implementation of certain education, and submit a certain summary to the  
9 Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the State  
10 Board of Education to encourage certain county boards of education to  
11 incorporate certain lessons into certain curriculum; requiring the Department to  
12 ~~report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a~~  
13 ~~certain date each year~~, and generally relating to oral health education in the  
14 State.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 4-111.1  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Education  
22 Section ~~7-401(a)~~ 7-411.1

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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.



Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

Preamble

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

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

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

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

Article – Education

4–111.1.

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

~~(B)~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) SUPPORT AND FACILITATE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, INCLUDING ORAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND DENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION, IN EVERY COUNTY; ~~AND~~

(2) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION ~~AS CERTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2012, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT DURING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION STATE CURRICULUM.

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

~~7-401.~~

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

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

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

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

~~7-411.1.~~

The State Board shall encourage the county boards to incorporate age-appropriate lessons on dating violence, ORAL DISEASE PREVENTION, AND DENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION into the county boards' health education curriculum.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.