

HOUSE BILL 983

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CF SB 143

By: **Delegates Hixson, Branch, George, Ivey, Kaiser, Luedtke, A. Miller, Walker, and A. Washington**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Emergency Management Plans – Evaluations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to evaluate the
4 ~~effectiveness of the~~ emergency management plan in each public school under
5 the jurisdiction of the county board on or before a certain date; requiring each
6 county board of education to report to the State Department of Education on a
7 certain evaluation on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to
8 make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
9 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
10 evaluation of emergency management plans in the public schools in the State.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 7–435

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–435.**

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 (A) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS IN THE STATE HAVE A SAFE
 2 AND SECURE PLACE TO LEARN, ON OR BEFORE ~~NOVEMBER 1, 2013~~ FEBRUARY
 3 1, 2014, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL EVALUATE ~~THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE~~
 4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE
 5 JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD, INCLUDING:

6 (1) TRAINING ACTIVITIES;

7 (2) EMERGENCY SAFETY EXERCISES;

8 (3) SCHOOL SECURITY CAMERAS;

9 (4) SCHOOL VISITOR POLICIES;

10 (5) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS; AND

11 (6) THE COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 12 ACTIVITIES, PLANS, AND RESOURCES WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL
 13 AGENCIES.

14 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 2013~~ MARCH 1, 2014, EACH
 15 COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT ON THE
 16 EVALUATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ~~HOW~~:

18 (I) HOW TO IMPROVE ~~THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE~~
 19 EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS; AND

20 (II) THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY
 21 MANAGEMENT PLANS.

22 (C) ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY~~ JULY 1, 2014, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL,
 23 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT TO THE
 24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON:

25 (1) THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE PUBLIC
 26 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE;

27 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE
 28 ~~EFFECTIVENESS OF THE~~ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS; AND

29 (3) THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY
 30 MANAGEMENT PLANS.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 2 months and, at the
3 end of ~~May~~ July 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.