

SENATE BILL 1069

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By: **Senator Ramirez**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2014

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the
4 State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation
5 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program
6 for a certain number of students in public high school in Prince George’s County
7 and a certain number of students in public high school in another county;
8 authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with certain local
9 community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; defining a
10 certain term; requiring the State Department of Education to report annually to
11 certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot
13 Program.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 7–415.1

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **7–415.1.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE YOUTH WELLNESS**
24 **LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THERE IS A YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
4 **OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM FOR 125**
5 **STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND 125**
6 **STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ONE OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE.**

7 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY**
8 **ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY**
9 **PROGRAMS.**

10 **(E) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:**

11 **(1) PROMOTE YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY**
12 **SKILLS; AND**

13 **(2) TEACH STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM**
14 **SKILLS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

15 **(I) HEALTH AND WELLNESS;**

16 **(II) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE;**

17 **(III) PEER EDUCATION;**

18 **(IV) LEADERSHIP;**

19 **(V) CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND**

20 **(VI) ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.**

21 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE SENATE**
22 **EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE**
23 **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF**
24 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE**
25 **PROGRAM.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
28 September 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
29 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.