Chapter 616

(House Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Middle Schools – Automated External Defibrillators

FOR the purpose of altering a requirement that certain county boards of education develop and implement a certain automated external defibrillator program that meets certain requirements in high schools to include middle schools; and generally relating to requiring middle schools to have an automated external defibrillator program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 7–425 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7 - 425.

(a) (1) Each county board shall develop and implement an automated external defibrillator program that meets the requirements of § 13-517 of this article for each high school AND MIDDLE SCHOOL in the county.

(2) The program required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include provisions that:

(i) Ensure that an automated external defibrillator is provided on site; and

(ii) An individual trained in the operation and use of an automated external defibrillator is present at all school–sponsored athletic events.

(b) The Department, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland State School Health Council, and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, shall adopt regulations that: (1) Establish guidelines for periodic inspections and annual maintenance of the automated external defibrillators; and

(2) Assist county boards in carrying out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.