

# HOUSE BILL 198

F3

5l1244  
CF 5l10340

---

By: **Delegates Fennell, Anderson, Angel, Atterbeary, D. Barnes, Campos, Ebersole, Glenn, Hayes, Holmes, Hornberger, Jackson, Jalisi, Knotts, Korman, Krimm, Lam, Luedtke, McCray, Morales, Patterson, Proctor, B. Robinson, Sample-Hughes, Smith, Tarlau, Valentino-Smith, Vaughn, A. Washington, M. Washington, and P. Young**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2015

Assigned to: Ways and Means

---

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

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 7–415.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–415.1.**

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE YOUTH WELLNESS  
2 LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (B) THERE IS A YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN THE  
4 DEPARTMENT.

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

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

12 (E) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

13 (1) PROMOTE YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY  
14 SKILLS; AND

15 (2) TEACH STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SKILLS IN  
16 THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

17 (I) HEALTH AND WELLNESS;

18 (II) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE;

19 (III) PEER EDUCATION;

20 (IV) LEADERSHIP;

21 (V) CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND

22 (VI) ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

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

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September  
29 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
30 abrogated and of no further force and effect.