

# HOUSE BILL 894

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Health and Safety – Sugar-Free Schools**  
3 **Act**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards to develop a certain plan on or before  
5 a certain date for reducing certain students' total sugar intake per school meal based  
6 on certain recommendations; requiring certain county boards to convene a certain  
7 workgroup to assist with the development of a certain plan; providing for the  
8 membership of a certain workgroup; requiring the workgroup to make certain  
9 recommendations; requiring a certain workgroup to hold a certain amount of public  
10 hearings and provide a certain opportunity for public testimony; and generally  
11 relating to the Sugar-Free Schools Act.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 7-437  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7-437.**

21 **(A) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2016, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP**  
22 **A PLAN FOR REDUCING STUDENTS' TOTAL SUGAR INTAKE PER SCHOOL MEAL BASED**  
23 **ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION; AND**

2           **(2) THE WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
3 **SECTION.**

4           **(B) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONVENE A WORKGROUP TO:**

5                   **(I) STUDY THE BEST PRACTICES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS**  
6 **REGARDING METHODS OF LOWERING STUDENTS' TOTAL SUGAR INTAKE PER**  
7 **SCHOOL MEAL;**

8                   **(II) CONSIDER WHETHER THE RESULTS OF THE BEST**  
9 **PRACTICES STUDY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL**  
10 **SYSTEM; AND**

11                   **(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY BOARD BASED**  
12 **ON:**

13                               **1. THE RESULTS OF THE BEST PRACTICES STUDY;**

14                               **2. WORKGROUP DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS;**

15 **AND**

16                               **3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED AT THE WORKGROUP'S**  
17 **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

18                   **(2) (I) THE WORKGROUP SHALL INCLUDE PARENTS, STUDENTS,**  
19 **TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND NONPROFIT**  
20 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

21                   **(II) A MEMBER OF THE WORKGROUP MUST BE A RESIDENT OF**  
22 **THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE COUNTY BOARD IS LOCATED.**

23                   **(3) THE WORKGROUP SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 2 PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
24 **AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT EACH MEETING.**

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2015.