

HOUSE BILL 947

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – School Counselors –**
3 **Certification Renewal Requirement**
4 **(Lauryn’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to
6 require, beginning on or before a certain date, certain ~~applicants for renewal of~~
7 ~~certification~~ certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school
8 counselor to have ~~successfully completed a certain number of credit hours of~~
9 ~~continuing professional development in a certain course regarding the recognition of,~~
10 ~~initial screening for, and response to emotional and behavioral distress in students~~
11 ~~and other individuals; requiring a certain course to include certain information;~~
12 obtained, by a method determined by the Board, certain knowledge and skills
13 required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal
14 development of students; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and
15 generally relating to a certification renewal requirement for school counselors by the
16 Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

17 BY adding to

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 Article – Education
2 Section 6–704.1
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Education**

8 **6–704.1.**

9 (A) ~~BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2016, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE~~
10 ~~AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE~~ A CERTIFICATE HOLDER APPLYING
11 FOR RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO HAVE
12 ~~SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 1 CREDIT HOUR OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL~~
13 ~~DEVELOPMENT IN AN EVIDENCE-BASED COURSE THAT PROVIDES~~ OBTAINED, BY A
14 METHOD DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL STANDARDS
15 ~~REGARDING THE RECOGNITION OF, INITIAL SCREENING FOR, AND RESPONSE TO~~
16 ~~EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS IN STUDENTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS,~~
17 ~~INCLUDING INDICATORS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, VIOLENCE, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND~~
18 ~~YOUTH SUICIDE.~~

19 (B) ~~THE COURSE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION~~
20 ~~SHALL INCLUDE:~~

21 (1) ~~STRATEGIES FOR HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING A~~
22 ~~MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS;~~

23 (2) ~~AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RISK FACTORS AND WARNING SIGNS~~
24 ~~FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS;~~

25 (3) ~~INFORMATION OF EVIDENCE-SUPPORTED TREATMENT AND~~
26 ~~SELF-HELP STRATEGIES; AND~~

27 (4) ~~IDENTIFYING PROFESSIONAL HELP AND OTHER SUPPORTS AND~~
28 ~~RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS.~~ SKILLS REQUIRED TO UNDERSTAND AND
29 RESPOND TO THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF
30 STUDENTS, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATING TO:

31 (1) THE RECOGNITION OF INDICATORS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND
32 BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS, INCLUDING DEPRESSION, TRAUMA, VIOLENCE, YOUTH
33 SUICIDE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AND

1 **(2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP**
2 **STUDENTS IN CRISIS.**

3 ~~(c)~~ **(b) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
4 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.