

SENATE BILL 251

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

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Education
18 Section 6–704.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

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.



Article - Education

6-704.1.

(A) ~~BEGINNING ON OR AFTER~~ ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2016, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION A CERTIFICATE HOLDER APPLYING FOR RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN EVIDENCE BASED COURSE THAT PROVIDES OBTAINED, BY A METHOD DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL STANDARDS REGARDING THE RECOGNITION OF, INITIAL SCREENING FOR, AND RESPONSE TO EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS IN STUDENTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING INDICATORS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, VIOLENCE, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND YOUTH SUICIDE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(c)~~ (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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