

Chapter 230

**(Senate Bill 770)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Public High Schools – Agriculture Science**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ encouraging each county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to implement a certain agriculture science curriculum in a certain number of public high schools in each county or a certain number of career and technology education centers in each county; requiring that the agriculture science curriculum be selected from existing curricula developed by the State Department of Education or be developed by a county board and approved by the Department; and generally relating to the implementation of an agriculture science curriculum in each county.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–111.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

**4–111.3.**

**(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD ~~SHALL IS ENCOURAGED TO~~ IMPLEMENT AN AGRICULTURE SCIENCE CURRICULUM SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN:**

**(1) AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY; OR**

**(2) AT LEAST ONE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER IN THE COUNTY.**

**(B) THE AGRICULTURE SCIENCE CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:**

**(1) SELECTED FROM EXISTING CURRICULA THAT ~~HAS~~ HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR**

**(2) DEVELOPED BY A COUNTY BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.**