

HOUSE BILL 72

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By: **Delegates Luedtke, M. Washington, Ebersole, Hixson, and Kaiser**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program –**
3 **Development and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools
5 to develop and implement a certain program relating to the awareness and
6 prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring a certain program to be
7 incorporated into the health curriculum of each county board of education and each
8 nonpublic school; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sexual abuse and
9 assault awareness and prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools in the
10 State.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 7–438
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–438.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NONPUBLIC SCHOOL” MEANS A NONCOLLEGIATE**
21 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT:**

22 **(1) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD**
23 **UNDER § 2–206(E) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) PARTICIPATES IN STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

2 **(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD AND EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE**
3 **SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATION**
4 **ON THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.**

5 **(2) THE PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
6 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE:**

7 **(I) TAUGHT BY A TEACHER WHO IS TRAINED TO PROVIDE**
8 **INSTRUCTION ON THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND**
9 **ASSAULT; AND**

10 **(II) INCORPORATED INTO THE HEALTH CURRICULUM OF EACH**
11 **COUNTY BOARD AND EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.**

12 **(C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**
13 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2016.