

HOUSE BILL 142

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By: **Delegates Hixson, Dumais, Ebersole, Gutierrez, Kramer, Moon, Patterson, Platt, Reznik, S. Robinson, and Walker**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Health and Safety – Emotional Health Awareness Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to implement a certain program
4 of emotional health awareness for certain individuals and to implement a certain
5 program to provide certain student athletes and coaches with certain tools;
6 authorizing certain local school systems to use certain materials and collaborate with
7 certain organizations under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department
8 of Education to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to emotional health
9 awareness programs in public schools in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–438

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–438.**

19 **(A) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL IMPLEMENT:**

20 **(1) A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AWARENESS OF THE FIVE SIGNS OF**
21 **EMOTIONAL SUFFERING TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, SCHOOL**
22 **PERSONNEL, AND COACHES; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL**
2 **STUDENT ATHLETES AND COACHES WITH THE TOOLS TO HAVE A POSITIVE AND**
3 **CHARACTER-BUILDING YOUTH SPORTS EXPERIENCE.**

4 **(B) TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL SCHOOL**
5 **SYSTEM MAY:**

6 **(1) USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM THE CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE**
7 **DIRECTION, THE POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE**
8 **ENTITY; AND**

9 **(2) COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN**
10 **EMOTIONAL HEALTH OR TRANSFORMING THE CULTURE OF YOUTH SPORTS.**

11 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**
12 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

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