

# HOUSE BILL 1524

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By: **Delegates Arentz and Angel**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Computer Health and Safety Guidelines**  
3 **and Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the  
5 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to support and facilitate education in  
6 computer health and safety guidelines and procedures, develop a process to monitor  
7 certain implementation of certain education, and submit a certain summary to the  
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the State  
9 Board of Education to encourage certain county boards of education to incorporate  
10 certain lessons into certain curricula; and generally relating to education in  
11 computer health and safety guidelines and procedures in the State.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 4–111.3

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Education

19 Section 7–411.1

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **4–111.3.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
2 **AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL:**

3           **(1) SUPPORT AND FACILITATE EDUCATION IN COMPUTER HEALTH**  
4 **AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN EVERY COUNTY;**

5           **(2) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
6 **EDUCATION IN COMPUTER HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES;**  
7 **AND**

8           **(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2020, AND EVERY 5 YEARS**  
9 **THEREAFTER, SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**  
10 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A SUMMARY OF THE**  
11 **INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT**  
12 **DURING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION STATE CURRICULUM.**

13 7-411.1.

14           (a) The State Board shall encourage the county boards to incorporate  
15 age-appropriate lessons on dating violence, diabetes and its treatment and prevention, oral  
16 disease prevention, [and] dental health promotion, **AND COMPUTER HEALTH AND**  
17 **SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES** into the county boards' health education  
18 curriculum.

19           (b) On or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, the Department  
20 shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to  
21 the General Assembly a summary of the information reported to the State Superintendent  
22 during the COMAR certification process.

23           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
24 **1, 2016.**