

# HOUSE BILL 920

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Pena–Melnyk**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Certificated School Personnel – Training**  
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to require, beginning on or  
5 before a certain date, certain certificated school personnel to complete training on or  
6 before a certain date each year in, by a method determined by each county board of  
7 education, certain knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to ~~the~~  
8 ~~social, emotional, and personal development of students~~ youth suicide risk and  
9 identify certain resources to help students in crisis; requiring certain training to be  
10 provided to certain certificated school personnel during in–service training or to be a  
11 professional development requirement; requiring the State Board to adopt certain  
12 regulations; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act;  
13 prohibiting a person from bringing a certain action against a county board except  
14 under certain circumstances; requiring certain training for certain certificate holders  
15 applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to meet a certain standard

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 or exceed the standard of certain training required of other school personnel; and  
 2 generally relating to a training requirement for *certificated* school personnel.

3 BY adding to

4 Article – Education

5 Section 6–122

6 Annotated Code of Maryland

7 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 6–704.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **6–122.**

17 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6–704.1 OF THIS TITLE AND BEGINNING ON  
 18 OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE ALL CERTIFICATED  
 19 SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS ON A REGULAR  
 20 BASIS TO COMPLETE TRAINING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BY A  
 21 METHOD DETERMINED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO:

22 (1) UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO YOUTH SUICIDE RISK; AND

23 (2) IDENTIFY PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS IN  
 24 CRISIS UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PERSONAL  
 25 DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATING TO:

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

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

31 (B) THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
 32 SHALL BE:

1 (1) PROVIDED TO CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL DURING AN  
2 IN-SERVICE PROGRAM; OR

3 (2) A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT THAT MAY BE  
4 MET DURING TIME DESIGNATED FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

5 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
6 SECTION.

7 (D) (1) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE A DUTY OF  
8 CARE ON CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO COMPLETE TRAINING UNDER  
9 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (2) UNLESS THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF A CERTIFICATED SCHOOL  
11 EMPLOYEE WHO COMPLETED TRAINING UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
12 ARE WILLFUL, WANTON, OR GROSSLY NEGLIGENT, A PERSON MAY NOT BRING AN  
13 ACTION AGAINST THE COUNTY BOARD FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH  
14 CAUSED BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION RESULTING FROM:

15 (I) ANY TRAINING OR LACK OF TRAINING OF CERTIFICATED  
16 SCHOOL PERSONNEL UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; OR

17 (II) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER  
18 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

19 6-704.1.

20 (a) On or before July 1, 2016, the Board shall require a certificate holder applying  
21 for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained **TRAINING IN**, by a method  
22 determined by the Board, the knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to  
23 the social, emotional, and personal development of students, including knowledge and skills  
24 relating to:

25 (1) The recognition of indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress,  
26 including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse; and

27 (2) The identification of professional resources to help students in crisis.

28 (B) THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
29 SHALL BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE DUTIES OF A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND MAY  
30 EXCEED THE TRAINING REQUIRED OF OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL UNDER § 6-122  
31 OF THIS TITLE.

32 [(b)] (C) The Board shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this  
33 section.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.