

HOUSE BILL 1488

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By: **Delegates A. Washington and Jackson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – School Discipline – Training Practices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop and implement
4 certain standardized training practices on student discipline for all public school
5 security personnel; requiring the Department to study certain best practices and
6 consult with certain organizations on certain matters on or before a certain date;
7 requiring a local school system to provide certain training to certain school security
8 personnel on or before a certain date; and generally relating to discipline in public
9 schools.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–306
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 7–306.

19 (a) Notwithstanding any bylaw, rule, or regulation made or approved by the State
20 Board, a principal, vice principal, or other employee may not administer corporal
21 punishment to discipline a student in a public school in the State.

22 (b) The State Board of Education shall:

23 (1) Establish guidelines that define a State code of discipline for all public
24 schools with standards of conduct and consequences for violations of the standards; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Assist each county board with the implementation of the guidelines.

2 (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, each
3 county board shall adopt regulations designed to create and maintain within the schools
4 under its jurisdiction the atmosphere of order and discipline necessary for effective
5 learning.

6 (2) The regulations adopted by a county board under this subsection:

7 (i) Shall provide for educational and behavioral interventions,
8 counseling, and student and parent conferencing; and

9 (ii) Shall provide alternative programs, which may include in-school
10 suspension, suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measures that are deemed
11 appropriate.

12 **(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP**
13 **AND IMPLEMENT STANDARDIZED TRAINING PRACTICES ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE**
14 **FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL.**

15 **(2) WHEN DEVELOPING THE TRAINING PRACTICES REQUIRED UNDER**
16 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

17 **(I) STUDY NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES ON TRAINING AND**
18 **DEPLOYING SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL;**

19 **(II) CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND POLICE ACADEMY, THE**
20 **MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, THE MARYLAND**
21 **ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND THE MARYLAND CENTER**
22 **FOR SCHOOL SAFETY ON CURRENT TRAINING PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**
23 **SECURITY PERSONNEL; AND**

24 **(III) CONSULT WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN**
25 **WORK RELATING TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.**

26 **(E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE**
27 **TRAINING TO ALL SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE**
28 **COUNTY ON THE STANDARDIZED TRAINING PRACTICES DEVELOPED AND**
29 **IMPLEMENTED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2018.