

# HOUSE BILL 1601

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By: **Delegate Wilkins**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – ~~Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative, Program,~~**  
3 **~~and Fund~~ Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative in the State~~  
5 ~~Department of Education~~; requiring the State Department of Education, in  
6 consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of  
7 Human Services, to develop certain guidelines on a certain trauma-informed  
8 approach ~~and offer certain training to each local school system~~; requiring the State  
9 Department of Education to distribute certain guidelines to each local school system  
10 and to ~~develop~~ publish certain guidelines on a certain website; ~~requiring the State~~  
11 ~~Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health~~  
12 ~~and the Department of Human Services, to establish the Trauma-Informed Schools~~  
13 ~~Expansion Program; stating the purpose of the Program; requiring the State~~  
14 ~~Department of Education to select certain schools to participate in the Program on~~  
15 ~~or before a certain date; requiring the State Department of Education to take certain~~  
16 ~~actions in implementing the Program; requiring the State Department of Education,~~  
17 ~~in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of~~  
18 ~~Human Services, to study certain matters at the end of certain school years;~~  
19 ~~requiring the State Department of Education to report its findings to the Governor~~  
20 ~~and the General Assembly on or before a certain date for a certain number of years;~~  
21 ~~establishing the Trauma-Informed Schools Expansion Program Fund as a special,~~  
22 ~~nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the State Department~~  
23 ~~of Education to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund~~  
24 ~~and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund;~~  
25 ~~specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; requiring interest earnings~~

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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.



~~of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Trauma Informed Schools Initiative, Trauma Informed Schools Expansion Program, and Trauma Informed Schools Expansion Program Fund guidelines on a trauma-informed approach.~~

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7-427.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~

~~Section 6-226(a)(2)(i)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~

~~Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~

~~Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103.~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

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

### Article – Education

#### 7-427.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(2) “FUND” MEANS THE TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND.~~

~~(3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS EXPANSION PROGRAM.~~

1           ~~(4)~~ (2)       “TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH” MEANS A METHOD FOR  
2 UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH SYMPTOMS OF  
3 CHRONIC INTERPERSONAL TRAUMA OR TRAUMATIC STRESS.

4           ~~(5)~~ (3)       “TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL” MEANS A SCHOOL THAT:

5                   (I)   ACKNOWLEDGES THE WIDESPREAD IMPACT OF TRAUMA  
6 AND UNDERSTANDS THE POTENTIAL PATHS FOR RECOVERY;

7                   (II)   RECOGNIZES THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF TRAUMA IN  
8 STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF;

9                   (III)   INTEGRATES INFORMATION ABOUT TRAUMA INTO  
10 POLICIES, PROCEDURES; AND PRACTICES; AND

11                   (IV)   ACTIVELY RESISTS RE-TRAUMATIZING A STUDENT,  
12 TEACHER, OR STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA.

13           (B)   (1)   ~~THERE IS A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS INITIATIVE IN THE~~  
14 ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

15                   ~~(2)~~   THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND  
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SHALL:

17                   ~~(1)~~   ~~DEVELOP~~ DEVELOP GUIDELINES ON A TRAUMA-INFORMED  
18 APPROACH THAT WILL ASSIST SCHOOLS WITH:

19                           ~~1.~~ (I)   THE IDENTIFICATION OF A STUDENT, TEACHER, OR  
20 STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA;

21                           ~~2.~~ (II)   THE APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR RESPONDING TO  
22 A STUDENT, TEACHER, OR STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA; AND

23                           ~~3.~~ (III)   BECOMING A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL;  
24 ~~AND~~

25                   ~~(1)~~   ~~OFFER TRAINING TO EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM ON:~~

26                           ~~1.~~   ~~THE TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH; AND~~

27                           ~~2.~~   ~~BECOMING A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL.~~

28           ~~(3)~~ (2)       THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

1 (I) DISTRIBUTE THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER  
 2 ~~PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SECTION~~ THIS SUBSECTION TO EACH LOCAL SCHOOL  
 3 SYSTEM; AND

4 (II) ~~DEVELOP A WEBSITE~~ PUBLISH THE GUIDELINES ON THE  
 5 TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH THAT INCLUDES; ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

6 1. ~~THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH~~  
 7 ~~(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

8 2. ~~ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT, THE~~  
 9 ~~MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES~~  
 10 ~~CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.~~

11 (C) (1) ~~THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND~~  
 12 ~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SHALL~~  
 13 ~~ESTABLISH A TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS EXPANSION PROGRAM.~~

14 (2) ~~THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:~~

15 (I) ~~EXPAND THE USE OF THE TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH~~  
 16 ~~USED IN SCHOOLS; AND~~

17 (II) ~~INTENSIVELY TRAIN SCHOOLS ON BECOMING~~  
 18 ~~TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS.~~

19 (3) ~~ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT~~  
 20 ~~ONE SCHOOL FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE~~  
 21 ~~PROGRAM AND RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING ON THE TRAUMA INFORMED~~  
 22 ~~APPROACH:~~

23 (I) ~~A METROPOLITAN OR URBAN AREA OF THE STATE;~~

24 (II) ~~A SUBURBAN AREA OF THE STATE; AND~~

25 (III) ~~A RURAL AREA OF THE STATE.~~

26 (4) ~~IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

27 (I) ~~CONSULT WITH JURISDICTIONS THAT USE THE~~  
 28 ~~TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH OR ANOTHER SIMILAR APPROACH;~~

29 (II) ~~PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE TEACHERS, EDUCATION~~  
 30 ~~SUPPORT STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE SELECTED SCHOOLS ON:~~

1 ~~1. THE TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH; AND~~

2 ~~2. HOW TO BECOME A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL;~~

3 ~~(III) MONITOR EACH SELECTED SCHOOL'S PROGRESS IN~~  
4 ~~BECOMING A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOL; AND~~

5 ~~(IV) PROVIDE THE SELECTED SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTANCE, AS~~  
6 ~~NECESSARY.~~

7 ~~(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND~~  
8 ~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SHALL~~  
9 ~~STUDY THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF EACH~~  
10 ~~SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING WITH THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR THROUGH THE~~  
11 ~~2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.~~

12 ~~(2) THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~  
13 ~~SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF ACADEMIC AND NONACADEMIC~~  
14 ~~BENEFITS THAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF HAVE EXPERIENCED:~~

15 ~~(I) RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM; AND~~

16 ~~(II) IN A SCHOOL THAT HAS USED THE MATERIALS OR TAKEN~~  
17 ~~THE TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.~~

18 ~~(3) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2019, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER~~  
19 ~~FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE~~  
20 ~~GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT~~  
21 ~~ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~

22 ~~(E) (1) THERE IS A TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS EXPANSION~~  
23 ~~PROGRAM FUND.~~

24 ~~(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE~~  
25 ~~PROGRAM.~~

26 ~~(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.~~

27 ~~(4) (I) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT~~  
28 ~~SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

29 ~~(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND~~  
30 ~~SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.~~

~~(5) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:~~

~~(I) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;~~

~~(II) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND~~

~~(III) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.~~

~~(6) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(7) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.~~

~~(II) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.~~

~~(8) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.~~

~~(9) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR THE PROGRAM IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM.~~

~~Article State Finance and Procurement~~

~~6-226.~~

~~(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.~~

~~(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:~~

~~101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]~~

~~102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; AND~~

