

SENATE BILL 402

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CF HB 251

By: **Senators Zucker, Conway, Waugh, Kagan, Nathan–Pulliam, Pinsky, Robinson, Salling, and Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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Read second time: February 20, 2018

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Boundaries and**
3 **Consent**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to provide age–appropriate
5 instruction on the meaning of “consent” and respect for personal boundaries as part
6 of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in all grades in which the
7 curriculum is taught in public schools in the county beginning in a certain school
8 year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Family Life and Human
9 Sexuality curriculum in public schools in the State.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–441
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 **7–441.**

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.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSENT” MEANS THE UNAMBIGUOUS AND
 2 VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTICIPANTS ~~TO ENGAGE AND RESPECT~~
 3 ~~FOR PERSONAL BOUNDARIES~~ IN EACH PHYSICAL ACT WITHIN THE COURSE OF
 4 INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING RESPECT FOR PERSONAL
 5 BOUNDARIES.

6 (B) BEGINNING IN THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL
 7 PROVIDE AGE–APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON THE MEANING OF “CONSENT” AND
 8 RESPECT FOR PERSONAL BOUNDARIES AS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN
 9 SEXUALITY CURRICULUM IN EVERY GRADE IN WHICH THE CURRICULUM IS TAUGHT
 10 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 12 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.