

Chapter 737

(Senate Bill 402)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Boundaries and Consent

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

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–441

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 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

7–441.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.