

HOUSE BILL 1136

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By: **Delegates Pippy and Cox**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Frederick County Board of Education – Graduation Requirements – Mental~~
3 ~~Health Education~~

4 Task Force to Study the Frederick County Public School System’s Elementary
5 School Social-Emotional Learning Pilot Program

6 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to increase the~~
7 ~~amount of mental health education credits that a student must complete to be~~
8 ~~awarded a high school diploma by the same proportion as the State Board of~~
9 ~~Education’s increase to the required amount of health education credits under~~
10 ~~certain circumstances; requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to~~
11 ~~establish a certain mental health education curriculum in consultation with certain~~
12 ~~entities; and generally relating to mental health education requirements for~~
13 ~~graduation in public schools in Frederick County~~ establishing the Task Force to
14 Study the Frederick County Public School System’s Elementary School
15 Social-Emotional Learning Pilot Program; providing for the composition, chair, and
16 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
17 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
18 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on certain matters;
19 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on a certain
20 matter to the Frederick County Public School Superintendent and Board of
21 Education; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
22 Task Force to Study the Frederick County Public School System’s Elementary School
23 Social-Emotional Learning Pilot Program.

24 ~~BY adding to~~

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 ~~Article—Education~~
 2 ~~Section 7-205.5~~
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 4 ~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)~~

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

7 ~~Article—Education~~

8 ~~7-205.5.~~

9 ~~(A) (1) IF THE STATE BOARD INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF HEALTH~~
 10 ~~EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST EARN TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL~~
 11 ~~DIPLOMA, THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL INCREASE THE~~
 12 ~~AMOUNT OF MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST~~
 13 ~~COMPLETE TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY THE SAME PROPORTION~~
 14 ~~AS THE STATE BOARD'S INCREASE TO THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF HEALTH~~
 15 ~~EDUCATION CREDITS.~~

16 ~~(B) THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH~~
 17 ~~THE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT TO BE~~
 18 ~~AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN~~
 19 ~~CONSULTATION WITH:~~

20 ~~(1) THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE MARYLAND~~
 21 ~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;~~

22 ~~(2) THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF MARYLAND;~~

23 ~~(3) THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, WHICH MAY~~
 24 ~~INCLUDE THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY; AND~~

25 ~~(4) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES IS~~
 26 ~~APPROPRIATE.~~

27 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Frederick County Public School System's
 28 Elementary School Social-Emotional Learning Pilot Program.

29 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

30 (1) a member of the House of Delegates who represents Frederick County,
 31 appointed by the Chair of the Frederick County Delegation;

1 (2) a member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Frederick County,
2 appointed by the Chair of the Frederick County Delegation;

3 (3) a member of the Frederick County Board of Education, designated by
4 the President of the Board;

5 (4) the supervisor of Frederick County Public School Psychological
6 Services;

7 (5) a representative of the Frederick County Public School System's mental
8 health services or behavioral interventions and supports programs, designated by the
9 Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools;

10 (6) a representative of the Mental Health Association of Frederick County,
11 designated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Association; and

12 (7) a representative of the Maryland State School Health Council,
13 designated by the President of the Council.

14 (c) The Task Force shall elect the chair of the Task Force by a majority vote at
15 the first meeting.

16 (d) The Frederick County Board of Education shall provide staff for the Task
17 Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

19 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

20 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
21 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) study the implementation of the Frederick County Public School
24 System's elementary school social-emotional learning pilot program;

25 (2) evaluate the efficacy of the program;

26 (3) study the effectiveness of the system used to track the delivery of
27 behavioral health and monitor wraparound services that also preserves student data
28 privacy;

29 (4) study the effectiveness of building-based staff training in the program;

30 (5) identify what resources, including staffing and staffing structure,
31 would be needed to expand programming to all elementary, middle, and high schools; and

1 (6) make recommendations on actions necessary to expand the program to
2 middle schools and high schools.

3 (g) On or before December 31, 2019, the Task Force shall report its findings and
4 recommendations on actions necessary to create a comprehensive social-emotional
5 learning program in all Frederick County Public Schools to the Frederick County Public
6 School Superintendent and Board of Education.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this
9 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
10 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.