

# HOUSE BILL 1349

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Students With Sickle Cell Disease – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the date for the State Department of Education and the  
4 Maryland Department of Health to provide certain technical assistance to schools  
5 and develop a process to monitor implementation of certain guidelines; extending the  
6 date for the departments to report to certain committees of the General Assembly;  
7 and generally relating to the administration of health care services to students with  
8 sickle cell disease.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–444  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Chapter 385 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018  
16 Section 2

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Chapter 386 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018  
19 Section 2

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

22 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-444.

2 (a) On or before December 1, 2018, the Department and the Maryland  
3 Department of Health shall develop guidelines for public schools regarding the  
4 administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease.

5 (b) The guidelines shall include:

6 (1) Procedures for educating clinical and nonclinical school personnel and  
7 individuals who work with students who are participating in school-related activities about  
8 symptoms of distress related to sickle cell disease;

9 (2) Protocols to ensure students with sickle cell disease receive care as  
10 determined by orders from the student's provider and the school nurse's assessment during  
11 school and school-sponsored after-school activities; and

12 (3) Any other issue pertaining to the administration of health care services  
13 to students with sickle cell disease.

14 (c) On or before [December 1, 2018] **SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**, the Department and  
15 the Maryland Department of Health shall:

16 (1) Provide technical assistance to schools to:

17 (i) Implement the guidelines established under this section; and

18 (ii) Instruct school personnel at the local level regarding the  
19 guidelines established under this section; and

20 (2) Develop a process to monitor the implementation of the guidelines.

## 21 **Chapter 385 of the Acts of 2018**

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

23 (a) The State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health,  
24 in consultation with local school systems, local health departments, and other interested  
25 stakeholders, shall establish a plan for all public school health services programs in the  
26 State to provide sickle cell disease management services through implementation of policies  
27 and programs so students with sickle cell disease [management] can:

28 (1) remain safe in school;

29 (2) be supported for optimal academic achievement; and

30 (3) fully participate in all aspects of school programming, including

1 after-school activities and other school-sponsored events.

2 (b) On or before December 1, [2018] **2020**, the State Department of Education  
3 and the Maryland Department of Health shall report on the implementation of this Act, in  
4 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education,  
5 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and  
6 Means.

7 **Chapter 386 of the Acts of 2018**

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11 stakeholders, shall establish a plan for all public school health services programs in the  
12 State to provide sickle cell disease management services through implementation of policies  
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20 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education,  
21 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and  
22 Means.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
24 1, 2019.