A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program in Anne Arundel County to monitor students who have behavioral, social, or legal difficulties in a certain manner; providing for the duration of the Program; requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, in collaboration with the Anne Arundel County Police Department and the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, to establish a certain number of preventive measure unit positions in certain middle schools to carry out the purpose of the Program; specifying that a certain position is in addition to a certain school resource officer; requiring the county board to report on or before a certain date each year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Program; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount in the State budget for certain fiscal years for the implementation of the Program; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program in Anne Arundel County.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–446
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–446.
(A) In this section, “Program” means the Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program.

(B) This section applies only in Anne Arundel County.

(C) There is a Preventive Measure Unit Pilot Program.

(D) The purpose of the Program is to establish preventive measure units in middle schools to monitor students who have behavioral, social, or legal difficulties in or out of school through:

(1) Increased monitoring and attention; and

(2) Individualized networking with community programs, schools, students, and parents.

(E) The Program shall be conducted during the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 school years.

(F) (1) The county board, in collaboration with the Anne Arundel County Police Department and the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, shall select three middle schools to participate in the Program.

(2) The county board shall establish one preventive measure unit position in each participating school to carry out the purpose of the Program.

(3) A position established under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be in addition to any school resource officer, as defined in § 7–1501 of this title, who may be assigned to the school.

(G) On or before February 1, 2021, and each February 1 thereafter, the county board shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of the Program.

(H) For fiscal years 2021 and 2022, the Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation for the Program in an amount sufficient to employ the three individuals necessary to implement the Program in the selected schools.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,
this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.