

HOUSE BILL 1429

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By: **Delegate Mosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Athletics – Basketball Schedule**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing rules for public school athletic schedules for basketball;
4 prohibiting a team, except under certain circumstances, from playing more than a
5 certain number of games per week; providing that the basketball schedule consists
6 of a certain number of regular season games for a team that elects to play in a
7 tournament or showcase game and a certain number of regular season games for
8 other teams; authorizing a team, in addition to certain regular season games, to play
9 in up to a certain number of tournament games in a year; providing that a
10 tournament may be scheduled outside the normal basketball season; requiring each
11 county board of education to decide whether to authorize a team to play in a
12 tournament; authorizing the county board to authorize a team to play in an already
13 scheduled tournament or a tournament scheduled by the county board; and generally
14 relating to the basketball schedule for public schools.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 7–125

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 **7–125.**

24 **(A) ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOR BASKETBALL SHALL**
25 **COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**
2 **BASKETBALL TEAM MAY NOT PLAY MORE THAN TWO GAMES PER WEEK.**

3 **(2) A TEAM MAY ELECT TO PLAY THREE GAMES PER WEEK TWICE**
4 **DURING THE BASKETBALL SEASON.**

5 **(C) THE BASKETBALL SEASON SHALL CONSIST OF:**

6 **(1) 20 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT ELECTS TO PLAY**
7 **IN A TOURNAMENT; AND**

8 **(2) 22 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT DOES NOT ELECT**
9 **TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.**

10 **(D) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN**
11 **ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION**
12 **(C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, EACH YEAR A TEAM MAY PLAY IN UP TO FOUR TOURNAMENT**
13 **GAMES, INCLUDING DURING A NCAA EVALUATION PERIOD.**

14 **(II) A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SCHEDULED OUTSIDE THE**
15 **NORMAL BASKETBALL SEASON.**

16 **(2) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO**
17 **AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.**

18 **(II) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO:**

19 1. **PLAY IN AN ALREADY SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT; OR**

20 2. **PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED BY THE COUNTY**
21 **BOARD.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2020.