

HOUSE BILL 1429

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By: **Delegate Mosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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 or a number of showcase games
10 determined by the county board in a year; providing that a tournament may be
11 scheduled outside the normal basketball season; authorizing a State team to play in
12 a tournament or showcase game against certain out-of-state teams under certain
13 circumstances; requiring each county board of education to decide whether to
14 authorize a team to play in a tournament or showcase game; authorizing the county
15 board to authorize a team to play in an already scheduled tournament or showcase
16 game or a tournament or showcase game scheduled by the county board; and
17 generally relating to the basketball schedule for public schools.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 7–125
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7–125.**

5 (A) ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOR BASKETBALL SHALL
6 COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

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

9 (2) A TEAM MAY ELECT TO PLAY THREE GAMES PER WEEK TWICE
10 DURING THE BASKETBALL SEASON.

11 (C) THE BASKETBALL SEASON SHALL CONSIST OF:

12 (1) 20 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT ELECTS TO PLAY
13 IN A TOURNAMENT; AND

14 (2) 22 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT DOES NOT ELECT
15 TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.

16 (D) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO ~~PARAGRAPH (2)~~ PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF
17 THIS SUBSECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES AUTHORIZED
18 UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, EACH YEAR A TEAM MAY PLAY IN UP
19 TO FOUR TOURNAMENT GAMES AND A NUMBER OF SHOWCASE GAMES DETERMINED
20 BY THE COUNTY BOARD, INCLUDING DURING A NCAA EVALUATION PERIOD.

21 (II) A TOURNAMENT OR SHOWCASE MAY BE SCHEDULED
22 OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BASKETBALL SEASON.

23 (III) A STATE TEAM MAY PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT OR SHOWCASE
24 GAME AGAINST A TEAM FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE IF THE OUT-OF-STATE TEAM HAS
25 EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS TO THOSE REQUIRED OF THE STATE TEAM.

26 (2) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO
27 AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.

28 (II) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO:

29 1. PLAY IN AN ALREADY SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT; OR

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

3 **(3) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO**
4 **AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO PLAY IN SHOWCASE GAMES.**

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

6 **1. PLAY IN AN ALREADY SCHEDULED SHOWCASE GAME**
7 **OR SERIES OF GAMES; OR**

8 **2. PLAY IN SHOWCASE GAMES SCHEDULED BY A COUNTY**
9 **BOARD.**

10 **(III) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE TEAMS TO PLAY IN ANY**
11 **NUMBER OF SHOWCASE GAMES.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.