

SENATE BILL 237

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By: **Senator Salling**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Curriculum – Unit of Instruction on September 11, 2001,**
3 **Terrorist Attacks**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring public schools and nonpublic schools that participate in
5 State-funded education programs to include in the curriculum, beginning in a
6 certain school year, a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks
7 that is consistent with certain guidelines developed by the State Board of Education;
8 encouraging nonpublic schools that do not participate in State-funded education
9 programs to include in the curriculum a unit of instruction on the September 11,
10 2001, terrorist attacks; and generally relating to public and nonpublic school
11 curricula and the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 7–129
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**
20 **7–129.**

21 **(A) CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD**
22 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND BEGINNING IN THE 2023–2024**
23 **SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL**
24 **THAT PARTICIPATES IN STATE–FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHALL INCLUDE IN**
25 **THE CURRICULUM A UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001,**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **TERRORIST ATTACKS.**

2 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP**
3 **GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT ON THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001,**
4 **TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT IS AGE-APPROPRIATE, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND**
5 **CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REQUIRED GRADE-LEVEL INSTRUCTION.**

6 **(C) A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN**
7 **STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS IS ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THE**
8 **CURRICULUM A UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST**
9 **ATTACKS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER**
10 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2022.