Chapter 678

(House Bill 16)

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Title IX – Notice (Hear Our Voices Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring each public school to provide information to students, faculty, staff, and parents regarding who serves as the Title IX coordinator for the school, the process for filing a sexual misconduct complaint, and the support measures that are in place for filing a sexual misconduct complaint and how to access the support measures; and generally relating to sexual misconduct complaints and Title IX compliance.

BY adding to

Article – Education Section 7–132 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Education

7-132.

EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND PARENTS REGARDING:

- (1) WHO SERVES AS THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR FOR THE SCHOOL;
- (2) THE PROCESS IN PLACE FOR FILING A SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT; AND
- (3) THE SUPPORT MEASURES THAT ARE IN PLACE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT AND HOW TO ACCESS THE SUPPORT MEASURES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $1,\,2023.$

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.