

HOUSE BILL 16

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HB 472/22 – W&M

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate J. Lewis**

Requested: September 9, 2022

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–132
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–132.**

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

21 **(1) WHO SERVES AS THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR FOR THE SCHOOL;**

22 **(2) THE PROCESS IN PLACE FOR FILING A SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 COMPLAINT; AND

2 **(3) THE SUPPORT MEASURES THAT ARE IN PLACE FOR AN**
3 **INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT AND HOW TO ACCESS**
4 **THE SUPPORT MEASURES.**

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