

HOUSE BILL 593

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Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Lifesaver Schools Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools
4 that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; and
5 generally relating to the Lifesaver Schools Program.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–132

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 **7–132.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE LIFESAVER SCHOOLS**
16 **PROGRAM.**

17 **(B) (1) THERE IS A LIFESAVER SCHOOLS PROGRAM.**

18 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC**
19 **SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND**
20 **SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

21 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A**
2 **LIFESAVER SCHOOL IF THE SCHOOL APPLIES AND MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR A**
3 **LIFESAVER SCHOOL ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
4 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(D) AT MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA FOR A LIFESAVER SCHOOL**
6 **SHALL REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO:**

7 **(1) OFFER TO STUDENTS:**

8 **(I) EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING ON CARDIOPULMONARY**
9 **RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND FIRST AID; AND**

10 **(II) A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR A PEER**
11 **MENTORING PROGRAM;**

12 **(2) OFFER OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAININGS TO STUDENTS**
13 **AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL THAT LEAD TO CERTIFICATIONS;**

14 **(3) PROVIDE SERVICE HOURS TO STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN**
15 **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES;**

16 **(4) OFFER TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS PROFESSIONAL**
17 **DEVELOPMENT A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR**
18 **FIRST AID; AND**

19 **(5) ESTABLISH ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE**
20 **WEBPAGE THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS**
21 **PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR FIRST AID.**

22 **(E) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY BOARD TO FULFILL**
23 **THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS A LIFESAVER SCHOOL.**

24 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
25 **SECTION.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2023.