

HOUSE BILL 1105

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By: **Delegates Toles, Amprey, Bartlett, Boaf, Charles, Crutchfield, Fennell, Harrison, Ivey, Jackson, Lehman, J. Long, Munoz, Pasteur, Pena–Melnik, Phillips, Simpson, Taylor, Turner, Valderrama, Wells, Wilkins, and Williams**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Water Safety and Swimming Course – Established

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop curriculum content standards for a course on water safety and swimming for public school students in certain grades; requiring county boards of education to implement the water safety and swimming course for students in certain grades in certain schools in the county; and generally relating to a course on water safety and swimming in public middle and high schools.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–452
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

7–452.

(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS FOR A COURSE ON WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 8 THROUGH 12.

(B) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT A COURSE ON WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING BASED ON

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



THE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN EACH PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 8 THROUGH 12.

(2) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL AWARD AN ELECTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT TO STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

(C) A PUBLIC MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH A LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION AGENCY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NECESSARY WATER AND SWIMMING FACILITIES FOR THE COURSE OFFERED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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