

HOUSE BILL 25

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Mangione**

Requested: August 28, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Sexually Explicit Materials – Prohibited in Libraries and**
3 **Media Centers**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting sexually explicit materials in public elementary, middle,
5 and secondary school libraries and media centers; and generally relating to sexually
6 explicit material in public school libraries and media centers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–135

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 **7–135.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS” MEANS BOOKS AND**
17 **AUDITORY AND VISUAL MATERIALS THAT CONTAIN GRAPHIC OR OBSCENE**
18 **DEPICTIONS OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY THAT ARE NOT:**

19 **(1) AGE-APPROPRIATE; OR**

20 **(2) USED AS PART OF THE APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
21 **FOR INSTRUCTION ON FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY AS PART OF THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THE
2 MARYLAND HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS.

3 (B) A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY OR
4 MEDIA CENTER MAY NOT CONTAIN SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.

5 (C) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
6 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2024.