

HOUSE BILL 167

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By: **Delegate Harrison**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Student Health – ~~Certificate of Dental Health~~ Information on**
3 **Accessible Dental Health**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring, beginning in a certain school year, certain students to submit~~
5 ~~a certificate of dental health to their school on a certain schedule; requiring the State~~
6 ~~Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health,~~
7 ~~to adopt certain regulations and to develop and disseminate a certain form to county~~
8 ~~boards of education and certain parents and guardians; requiring the State~~
9 ~~Department of Education to support and facilitate each county board of education in~~
10 ~~publishing certain information on dental health in a certain manner; and generally~~
11 relating to public schools and ~~a certificate of dental health.~~

12 ~~BY adding to~~
13 ~~Article – Education~~
14 ~~Section 7–402.1~~
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
16 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

17 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
18 ~~Article – Education~~
19 ~~Section 4–111.2~~
20 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
21 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

Article – Education

~~7-402.1.~~

~~(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SCHOOL A CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH ON A SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

~~(1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:~~

~~(i) STANDARDS FOR PERIODIC DENTAL EXAMINATIONS; AND~~

~~(ii) A SCHEDULE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH BY STUDENTS; AND~~

~~(2) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A STANDARD FORM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE COUNTY BOARDS AND THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.~~

4-111.2.

The Department shall:

(1) Support and facilitate oral health education, including oral disease prevention and dental health promotion, in every county;

(2) Develop a process to monitor implementation of oral health education;
[and]

(3) SUPPORT AND FACILITATE EACH COUNTY BOARD IN PUBLISHING INFORMATION ON FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE DENTAL HEALTH AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY IN STUDENT HANDBOOKS AND ON LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM WEBSITES; AND

[(3)] (4) On or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a summary of the information reported by the Department to the State Superintendent during the certification of the Health Education State Curriculum.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.