

HOUSE BILL 206

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By: **Delegate R. Long**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Student Behavior – Parent and Guardian Notice and Required**
3 **Counseling**
4 **(Parent and Guardian Accountability Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing that it is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in
6 a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with the parent's or
7 guardian's child after receiving a certain notice of violent and disruptive behavior;
8 requiring a public school principal to provide a certain written notice to the parent
9 or guardian of a student who engages in a certain number of incidents of violent and
10 disruptive behavior on school premises or during school-related activities during the
11 school year; and generally relating to violent and disruptive behavior of students in
12 public schools.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
15 Section 3–8A–30.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 7–304.2
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **3-8A-30.1.**

2 (A) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT IN A
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL, AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE UNDER § 7-304.2 OF THE EDUCATION
4 ARTICLE OF THE PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S CHILD'S VIOLENT AND DISRUPTIVE
5 BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL PREMISES OR DURING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES, TO
6 FAIL TO SEEK AND PARTICIPATE IN COUNSELING WITH THE PARENT'S OR
7 GUARDIAN'S CHILD.

8 (B) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONVICTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE
9 ORDERED BY THE COURT TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AS DETERMINED BY
10 THE COURT.

11 **Article - Education**

12 **7-304.2.**

13 (A) (1) IF A STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL ENGAGES IN TWO OR MORE
14 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENT AND DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL PREMISES OR
15 DURING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES DURING A SCHOOL YEAR, THE SCHOOL
16 PRINCIPAL SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE
17 STUDENT REGARDING THE STUDENT'S BEHAVIOR.

18 (2) THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
19 SUBSECTION SHALL ADDITIONALLY:

20 (I) REQUIRE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT TO
21 SEEK AND PARTICIPATE IN COUNSELING WITH THE STUDENT;

22 (II) ADVISE THAT FAILURE TO SEEK AND PARTICIPATE IN
23 COUNSELING WITH THE STUDENT IS UNLAWFUL UNDER § 3-8A-30.1 OF THE
24 COURTS ARTICLE AND HAS POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES;

25 (III) INCLUDE REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND
26 OTHER APPROPRIATE COUNSELING SERVICES; AND

27 (IV) INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY PROGRAM
28 ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER § 7-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

29 (B) A STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO RECEIVES NOTICE UNDER
30 THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 3-8A-30.1 OF THE COURTS
31 ARTICLE.

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