

SENATE BILL 165

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CF HB 204

By: Senators Hettleman, Beidle, Brooks, ~~and Lewis Young~~ Lewis Young, Augustine, Carozza, Feldman, Hester, Kagan, Simonaire, M. Washington, and Watson

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 13, 2024

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Coaches – Mental Health Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the
4 Maryland Department of Health, each county board of education, and the Maryland
5 Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, to develop guidelines for public
6 schools to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral
7 distress in students; requiring each public school in the State that offers ~~a~~
8 ~~mainstream~~ an athletic program to provide a certain mental health training to
9 coaches; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in collaboration
10 with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop guidelines for public
11 institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental
12 illness and behavioral distress in students; requiring a public institution of higher
13 education that offers an athletic program to provide a certain mental health training
14 to coaches; and generally relating to coaches and mental health training.

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Education
17 Section 7–452 and 15–130.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (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.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-452.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “~~MAINSTREAM~~ ATHLETIC PROGRAM” MEANS AN
6 INTRAMURAL ~~OR~~, INTERSCHOLASTIC, OR OTHER SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETIC
7 ACTIVITY PROGRAM THAT IS DEVELOPED AND OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN
8 ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD.

9 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EACH COUNTY BOARD, AND THE MARYLAND PUBLIC
11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR
12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TRAIN COACHES TO RECOGNIZE INDICATORS OF MENTAL
13 ILLNESS AND BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS IN STUDENTS, INCLUDING:

14 (1) DEPRESSION;

15 (2) TRAUMA;

16 (3) VIOLENCE;

17 (4) YOUTH SUICIDE; AND

18 (5) SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

19 (C) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS ~~A MAINSTREAM AN~~
20 ATHLETIC PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
21 GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO EACH COACH
22 PARTICIPATING IN THE ~~MAINSTREAM~~ ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

23 **15-130.1.**

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ATHLETIC PROGRAM” MEANS ANY
25 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
26 EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

27 (B) THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND
28 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC
29 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO TRAIN COACHES TO RECOGNIZE
30 INDICATORS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS IN STUDENTS,
31 INCLUDING:

- 1 **(1) DEPRESSION;**
- 2 **(2) TRAUMA;**
- 3 **(3) VIOLENCE;**
- 4 **(4) YOUTH SUICIDE; AND**
- 5 **(5) SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

6 **(C) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS AN**
7 **ATHLETIC PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
8 **GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO EACH COACH**
9 **PARTICIPATING IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.