

# HOUSE BILL 994

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Public Middle Schools – Course on Consequences of a Felony**  
3 **Murder Conviction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to develop  
5 and implement a course on the consequences of a conviction for felony murder for  
6 middle school students in Baltimore City public schools; and generally relating to a  
7 required course on the consequences of a conviction for felony murder for public  
8 middle school students in Baltimore City.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–213

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–213.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY**  
19 **MURDER” MEANS THE LEGAL PENALTIES THAT TAKE AWAY AN INDIVIDUAL’S**  
20 **FREEDOM, RIGHTS, AND ACCESS TO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES AFTER CONVICTION**  
21 **FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE UNDER § 2–201(A)(4) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW**  
22 **ARTICLE.**

23 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS SHALL**  
2 **DEVELOP AN AGE-APPROPRIATE COURSE ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A**  
3 **CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 IN**  
4 **BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

5           **(D) BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL**  
6 **IMPLEMENT THE COURSE ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY**  
7 **MURDER DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

8           **(E) THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER SHALL ENSURE THAT A COURSE ON**  
9 **THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER IS TAUGHT TO**  
10 **STUDENTS AT LEAST ONCE DURING GRADES 6 THROUGH 8.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2025.