

# SENATE BILL 821

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By: **Senators Watson, Muse, and Carozza**  
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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Student Immunization – Temporary**  
3 **Admission Period**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to grant certain students  
5 temporary admission to schools for a specified time frame if the parent or guardian  
6 of a student is unable to provide proof of immunization under certain circumstances;  
7 and generally relating to immunization requirements for public school students.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 7–403(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 7–403.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 7–403.

22 (a) (1) In cooperation with the State Board and the Maryland State Medical  
23 Society, the Maryland Department of Health shall adopt rules and regulations regarding  
24 blood tests for lead poisoning required of children entering schools.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1           **(3) ACQUIRE EVIDENCE OF AGE-APPROPRIATE IMMUNITY ON A FORM**  
2 **PROVIDED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.**

3           **(C) THE DATE OF THE STUDENT'S APPOINTMENT WITH A HEALTH**  
4 **PROFESSIONAL OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY NOT EXCEED 60 CALENDAR**  
5 **DAYS FROM THE DATE THE STUDENT IS GRANTED TEMPORARY ADMISSION.**

6           **(D) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A TEMPORARILY ADMITTED STUDENT**  
7 **SHALL PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE STUDENT'S REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ON THE**  
8 **NEXT SCHOOL DAY FOLLOWING THE STUDENT'S APPOINTMENT WITH A HEALTH**  
9 **PROFESSIONAL OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

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