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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Primary and Secondary Education – Student Immunization – Temporary Admission Period
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to grant certain students temporary admission to schools for a specified time frame if the parent or guardian of a student is unable to provide proof of immunization under certain circumstances; and generally relating to immunization requirements for public school students.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 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
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- 1 (2) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 7-403.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN 2 cooperation with the State Board and the Statewide Advisory Commission on 3 Immunizations, the Maryland Department of Health shall adopt rules and regulations 4 regarding immunizations required of children entering schools.
- 5 (3) These rules and regulations shall:
- 6 (i) Be adopted in compliance with the Administrative Procedure 7 Act;
- 8 (ii) Provide that any child may have the immunization administered 9 by his personal physician; and
- 10 By September 2003, in areas designated as at risk for lead (iii) 1. poisoning, as determined under § 18–106 of the Health – General Article, when a child 11 12 enters a public prekindergarten program, kindergarten program, or first grade, require the parent or legal guardian of the child to provide documentation from a health care provider, 13 14 on a form developed by the Maryland Department of Health, certifying that the child has 15 undergone blood testing for lead poisoning administered in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the screening of young children for 16 17 lead poisoning: Guidance for State and Local Public Health Officials (November 1997) and 18 any subsequent guidelines; and
- 2. By September 2003, require a program or school to report the name, last known address, and telephone number of each child for whom certified documentation of a lead test is not provided under item 1 of this item, as determined by regulation, to the local health department in the jurisdiction where the child resides.
- 23 (4) Any requirement for the administration of pertussis vaccine shall be 24 consistent with § 18–332(b) of the Health General Article.
- 25 **7–403.1.**

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- 26 (A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL TEMPORARILY ADMIT A STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION WITHIN THE TIME FRAME REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 7–403 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- 30 **(B)** A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT GRANTED TEMPORARY 31 ADMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PRESENT EVIDENCE OF 32 THE STUDENT'S APPOINTMENT WITH A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR LOCAL HEALTH 33 DEPARTMENT TO:
  - (1) RECEIVE A REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION;
    - (2) RECONSTRUCT A LOST RECORD; OR

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