

Chapter 583

(House Bill 423)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Public High Schools – Drug Detection Products

PG 501–26

FOR the purpose of requiring, subject to certain conditions, the Prince George’s County Board of Education to provide certain drug detection products to public high school students in the county in a certain manner beginning in a certain school year; requiring each public high school in the county to submit a certain report to Maryland’s Office of Overdose Response on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to drug detection products and Prince George’s County public high schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–426.5(f)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–455

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–426.5.

(f) (1) On or before October 1 each year, each public school shall submit, on the form that the Department requires, a report to the Department on each incident at the school that required the use of naloxone or other overdose–reversing medication.

7–455.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCT” MEANS A PRODUCT THAT HAS ONE OR MORE TEST SPOTS THAT ALLOW THE USER TO TEST A PORTION OF A BEVERAGE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BEVERAGE HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED WITH THE DRUG GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRIC ACID (GHB) OR KETAMINE.

(3) “DRUG DETECTION STRIP” MEANS A DISPOSABLE TEST STRIP THAT ALLOWS AN INDIVIDUAL TO TEST A DRUG FOR THE PRESENCE OF FENTANYL.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

~~(C) BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE, AT NO CHARGE TO STUDENTS, DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCTS AND DRUG DETECTION STRIPS~~

(1) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PROVIDE DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCTS AND DRUG DETECTION STRIPS TO THEIR STUDENTS.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE, AT NO COST TO STUDENTS:

(i) DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCTS; AND

(ii) DRUG DETECTION STRIPS, IF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY REPORTS AN INCIDENT AT THE SCHOOL REQUIRING THE USE OF NALOXONE OR OTHER OVERDOSE-REVERSING MEDICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-426.5(F)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCTS AND DRUG DETECTION STRIPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY IF THE PRODUCTS ARE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO THE SCHOOLS.

(D) THE DRINK SPIKING DETECTION PRODUCTS AND DRUG DETECTION STRIPS ~~REQUIRED TO BE~~ PROVIDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS OR SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

(E) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2027, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY SHALL REPORT TO MARYLAND’S

OFFICE OF OVERDOSE RESPONSE ON THE QUANTITY OF DRUG DETECTION PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE SCHOOL DURING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.