

HOUSE BILL 812

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HB 1132/25 – W&M

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Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Student Fights – School Investigation and Discipline**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a principal or school administration to investigate each
4 student fight or physical struggle; prohibiting a school employee from disciplining a
5 student under certain circumstances; requiring a principal or school administration
6 to expunge certain documentation from a student's disciplinary record under certain
7 circumstances; and generally relating to an investigation and discipline after a
8 student fight.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–311

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **7–311.**

18 **(A) (1) A PRINCIPAL OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SHALL INVESTIGATE**
19 **EACH STUDENT FIGHT OR PHYSICAL STRUGGLE.**

20 **(2) AN INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN**
21 **EVALUATION OF:**

22 **(I) WITNESS STATEMENTS;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) VIDEO EVIDENCE, IF APPLICABLE; AND**

2 **(III) INPUT FROM ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT OR**
3 **PHYSICAL STRUGGLE.**

4 **(B) (1) A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE MAY NOT DISCIPLINE A STUDENT WHO,**
5 **AFTER THE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION,**
6 **MORE LIKELY THAN NOT USED REASONABLE FORCE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE**
7 **STUDENT OR TO ESCAPE THE ATTACK.**

8 **(2) IF A STUDENT WAS DISCIPLINED DURING THE COURSE OF THE**
9 **INVESTIGATION BUT WAS LATER DETERMINED TO HAVE USED REASONABLE FORCE**
10 **JUSTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRINCIPAL OR**
11 **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SHALL EXPUNGE ANY DOCUMENTATION OF THE**
12 **DISCIPLINE FROM THE STUDENT'S DISCIPLINARY RECORD.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2026.