

HOUSE BILL 868

F3
HB 994/25 – W&M & JUD

6lr3196

By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–213
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 **7–213.**

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

5 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT**
6 **AREA FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 TO INCORPORATE INSTRUCTION ON**
7 **THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER.**

8 **(D) BEGINNING IN THE 2027–2028 SCHOOL YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL**
9 **DEVELOP AND INCORPORATE INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE CURRICULUM**
10 **RESOURCES ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER**
11 **DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

12 **(E) THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH STUDENT**
13 **IS INSTRUCTED ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER AT**
14 **LEAST ONCE DURING GRADES 6 THROUGH 8.**

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
16 **1, 2026.**