

# HOUSE BILL 1046

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School and School-Sponsored Activities – Report of Suspected Abuse or Neglect**  
3 **– Parental Notification**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a school to provide certain notice to the parent, guardian, or  
5 caretaker of a child if a mandated reporter reports certain suspected abuse or neglect  
6 that occurs at a school or school-sponsored activity, except under certain  
7 circumstances; and generally relating to parental notification for reports of  
8 suspected child abuse or neglect at school and school-sponsored activities.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–455  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Human Services  
16 Section 1–202(a)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

20 Article – Human Services  
21 Section 1–202(c)(1)(vi)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-455.**

2 (A) IF A MANDATED REPORTER REPORTS SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT  
3 OF A CHILD THAT OCCURS AT A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY AS  
4 REQUIRED BY § 5-704 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, THE SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE  
5 NOTICE OF THE REPORT TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CARETAKER OF THE CHILD  
6 UNLESS THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CARETAKER IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT.

7 (B) NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED  
8 NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE REPORT IS MADE.

9 **Article – Human Services**

10 1-202.

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 7-455 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE,  
12 Title 5, Subtitles 7 and 12 of the Family Law Article, § 1-203 of this subtitle, and this  
13 section, a person may not disclose a report or record concerning child abuse or neglect.

14 (c) A report or record concerning child abuse or neglect:

15 (1) may be disclosed on request to:

16 (vi) a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care  
17 and custody of the child, if provisions are made for the protection of the identity of the  
18 reporter or any other person whose life or safety is likely to be endangered by disclosing the  
19 information;

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2026.