

HOUSE BILL 1097

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public High Schools – Sports Injury Recordkeeping and Reporting –**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public high school in the State to maintain an injury log
5 for injuries that occur during school athletic activities, subject to certain
6 requirements; requiring each local school system to submit a report of high school
7 athletic injuries to the State Department of Education on or before a certain date
8 each year; and generally relating to the recordkeeping and reporting of sports
9 injuries at public high school athletic activities.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–455
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–455.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL MAINTAIN A
2 STANDARDIZED INJURY LOG FOR ALL INJURIES THAT OCCUR DURING ATHLETIC
3 ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE SCHOOL.

4 (B) AN INJURY LOG REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
5 SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

6 (1) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INJURY;

7 (2) THE SPORT OR ACTIVITY DURING WHICH THE INJURY OCCURRED;

8 (3) A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INJURY, INCLUDING THE BODY
9 PART AFFECTED;

10 (4) WHETHER THE INJURY OCCURRED DURING A PRACTICE,
11 COMPETITION, OR CONDITIONING ACTIVITY;

12 (5) WHETHER THE STUDENT WAS REMOVED FROM THE SPORT OR
13 ACTIVITY AND, IF KNOWN, THE DURATION OF REMOVAL;

14 (6) WHETHER MEDICAL EVALUATION OR TREATMENT WAS PROVIDED
15 OR RECOMMENDED; AND

16 (7) THE ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTING THE INJURY; ~~AND~~

17 ~~(8) IF APPLICABLE, A DATE ON WHICH THE INJURED STUDENT IS~~
18 ~~AUTHORIZED TO RETURN TO THE ACTIVITY.~~

19 (C) (1) THE INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTING THE INJURY SHALL DOCUMENT
20 THE INJURY NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE INJURY IS OBSERVED OR
21 REPORTED.

22 (2) A COACH, CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER, SCHOOL NURSE, OR
23 OTHER DESIGNATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAY COMPLETE THE DOCUMENTATION
24 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 (D) EACH SCHOOL SHALL RETAIN INJURY LOGS FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS
26 AND MAKE THE LOGS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND
27 THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY REVIEW PURPOSES.

28 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER,
29 EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT AN AGGREGATED REPORT OF HIGH

1 SCHOOL ATHLETIC INJURIES FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR TO
2 THE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (2) THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL
4 STUDENT-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN THE REPORT.

5 (F) EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL MAINTAIN INJURY LOGS AND
6 REPORTS UNDER THIS SECTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND
7 FEDERAL STUDENT PRIVACY LAWS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL FAMILY
8 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT.

9 (G) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION,
11 AND THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, MAY
12 ADOPT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDIZED REPORTING FORMS NECESSARY TO
13 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.