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House Bill 1050 (Delegate Feldmark)
Ways and Means

State Department of Education - Organ Donation - Development of Educational Materials

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), if it develops, updates, or approves curriculum guidance, instructional resources, or professional development materials relating to organ, eye, and tissue donation, to consult with the qualified nonprofit entity that operates the donor registry and procurement organizations serving in Maryland. MSDE may use or reference existing materials developed by those entities if the materials are age appropriate; evidence-based and medically accurate; and consistent with the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No material effect on State operations or finances. The bill requires consultation only if MSDE elects to develop, update, or approve specified materials, and MSDE advises the work can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Effect: No effect on local school system expenditures or revenues is anticipated.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: “Donor registry” is defined as a database that contains records of anatomical gifts and amendments to or revocations of anatomical gifts as provided in current law. “Organ procurement organization” means a person designated by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as an organ procurement

organization. “Procurement organization” means an eye bank, an organ procurement organization, or a tissue bank.

Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act

The Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act governs donations of all or part of a human body (that take effect after the donor’s death) for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, training, or education.

Among other things, the Act specifies:

- the classes of individuals, in order of priority, who may make an anatomical gift of a donor’s body or part after the donor’s death under certain circumstances;
- how an anatomical gift may be revoked or amended and how an individual may indicate a refusal to make an anatomical gift of the individual’s body or part;
- the relationship between, and priorities of, actions taken by the donor and other authorized persons, with respect to making, amending, revoking, or refusing an anatomical gift; and
- the resolution of conflicts between an advance directive and an anatomical gift.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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