



# Lifesavers School Program



Recognize schools that offer students and staff a mental wellness or peer mentoring program and CPR/First Aid training. Schools renew every four years. Safer schools and community. **Empowering our students to save each other.**

Hearing 1/17 in Ways & Means



CPR TRAINING



FIRST AID TRAINING



MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS  
PROGRAM



PEER MENTORSHIP  
PROGRAM

Students can use for community service hours

Staff can use as professional development

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Lifesaver Schools Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools  
4 that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; and  
5 generally relating to the Lifesaver Schools Program.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Education  
8 Section 7–135  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 **7–135.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE LIFESAVER SCHOOLS  
16 PROGRAM.

1 (B) (1) THERE IS A LIFESAVER SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

2 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC  
3 SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND  
4 SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

5 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

6 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A  
7 LIFESAVER SCHOOL IF THE SCHOOL APPLIES AND MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR A  
8 LIFESAVER SCHOOL ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
9 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (D) AT MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT’S CRITERIA FOR A LIFESAVER SCHOOL  
11 SHALL REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO:

12 (1) OFFER TO STUDENTS:

13 (i) EVIDENCE–BASED TRAINING ON CARDIOPULMONARY  
14 RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND FIRST AID; AND

15 (ii) A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR A PEER  
16 MENTORING PROGRAM;

17 (2) PROVIDE SERVICE HOURS TO STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN  
18 HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES;

19 (3) OFFER TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS PROFESSIONAL  
20 DEVELOPMENT A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR  
21 FIRST AID; AND

22 (4) ESTABLISH ON THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE  
23 WEBPAGE THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS  
24 PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR FIRST AID.

25 (E) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY BOARD TO FULFILL  
26 THE DEPARTMENT’S CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS A LIFESAVER SCHOOL.

1 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
2 SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2024.



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