

# HOUSE BILL 461

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program –**  
3 **Human and Sex Trafficking**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools  
5 to develop and implement a program of age-appropriate education on the awareness  
6 and prevention of sexual abuse and assault that includes, for students in certain  
7 grades, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex  
8 trafficking; and generally relating to human and sex trafficking awareness and  
9 prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 7–439  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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 7–439.

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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.



(a) In this section, “nonpublic school” means a noncollegiate educational institution that:

(1) Holds a certificate of approval from the State Board under § 2–206(e) of this article; and

(2) Participates in the Nonpublic Schools Textbook and Technology Grants Program.

(b) (1) The State Board and each nonpublic school in the State shall develop and implement a program of age–appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault.

(2) The program required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall [be]:

(i) [Taught] **BE TAUGHT** by a teacher who is trained to provide instruction on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; [and]

(ii) [Incorporated] **BE INCORPORATED** into the health curriculum of each county board and each nonpublic school; **AND**

**(III) INCLUDE, FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8, MATERIAL PROMOTING THE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING.**

(c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.