

HOUSE BILL 993

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Middle Schools – Course on Consequences of a Felony**
3 **Murder Conviction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum standards
5 and county boards of education to develop and implement a curriculum for a course
6 on the consequences of a conviction for felony murder for public middle school
7 students in the State; and generally relating to a course on the consequences of a
8 conviction for felony murder curriculum requirement for public middle school
9 students.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 7–213
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 **7–213.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY**
20 **MURDER” MEANS THE LEGAL PENALTIES THAT TAKE AWAY AN INDIVIDUAL’S**
21 **FREEDOM, RIGHTS, AND ACCESS TO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES AFTER CONVICTION**
22 **FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE UNDER § 2–201(A)(4) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW**
23 **ARTICLE.**

24 **(B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 STANDARDS FOR A COURSE ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY
2 MURDER FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
3 STATE.

4 (C) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY
5 BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM BASED ON THE
6 CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER CURRICULUM STANDARDS
7 DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (2) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT A COURSE ON THE
9 CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER IS TAUGHT TO STUDENTS
10 AT LEAST ONCE DURING GRADES 6 THROUGH 8.

11 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
12 SECTION.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2025.