

HOUSE BILL 265

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire for Students –**
3 **Development and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community
5 Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for
6 developing a standardized behavioral health questionnaire to identify students with
7 behavioral health services needs; requiring each behavioral health services
8 coordinator to develop and implement a standardized behavioral health
9 questionnaire based on the guidelines developed by the Consortium; requiring that
10 the questionnaire be given to the parent or guardian of each student when the
11 student enrolls for school and with a certain frequency thereafter; and generally
12 relating to the development of a standardized behavioral health questionnaire for
13 public school students.

14 BY renumbering
15 Article – Education
16 Section 7–447.1(l) through (s)
17 to be Section 7–447.1(m) through (t), respectively
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2022 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article – Education
22 Section 7–447(b) and 7–447.1(a)(1) and (4)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2022 Replacement Volume)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
26 Article – Education
27 Section 7–447(c)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–447.1(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7–447.1(l) through (s) of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–447.1(m) through (t), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

7–447.

(b) Each local school system shall appoint a behavioral health services coordinator.

(c) **(1)** In addition to the requirements under Subtitle 15 of this title, each behavioral health services coordinator shall:

[(1)] (I) Coordinate existing behavioral health services and referral procedures for behavioral health services within the local school system, including through a coordinated community supports partnership;

[(2)] (II) Working in collaboration with the local health department, the local department of social services, and other local entities that provide behavioral health services, including a community supports partnership, ensure that a student who is referred for behavioral health services obtains the necessary services in a timely manner;

[(3)] (III) Maximize external funding for behavioral health and wraparound services;

[(4)] (IV) Have at a minimum a master’s degree and behavioral health training experience in schools;

[(5)] (V) Provide the required behavioral health training under § 6–122 of this article; and

[(6)] (VI) Develop and implement a standardized [screening] **QUESTIONNAIRE** to identify students with behavioral health services needs using an

evidence-based measurement approach **BASED ON THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-447.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

(2) THE STANDARDIZED QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(VI) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT WHEN THE STUDENT ENROLLS FOR SCHOOL AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER WHILE THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

7-447.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(4) "Consortium" means the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports established under subsection (b) of this section.

(L) (1) THE CONSORTIUM SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A STANDARDIZED QUESTIONNAIRE TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES NEEDS.

(2) THE GUIDELINES SHALL BE:

(i) DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS SELECTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE CONSORTIUM:

1. ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION;

2. ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD;

3. ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES;

4. ONE MEMBER OF THE DIVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT;

5. ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY;

6. ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES;

7. ONE EXPERT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND DEVELOPMENT;

1 8. **ONE EXPERT ON DATA PROTECTION; AND**

2 9. **ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL SELECTED BY THE CHAIR;**

3 **(II) DEVELOPED USING AN EVIDENCE–BASED MEASUREMENT**
4 **APPROACH; AND**

5 **(III) UPDATED EVERY 5 YEARS.**

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2023.