

HOUSE BILL 461

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(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.