



Maryland State School Health Council Online Meeting: 2019 Legislative Wrap-up

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Education- Personnel Matters-Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention (HB486)

- Requires county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to ***require*** an applicant for a position ***involving direct contact with minors*** to submit information from previous employers on whether they had ***previously been investigated for child abuse.***

Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Elevated Level of Lead and Grant Program (HB1253/SB481)

- Alters the definition of "*elevated level of lead*" to mean a *lead concentration* in *drinking water* exceeding *5 parts per billion* for provisions of law relating to testing for the presence of lead in *drinking water outlets in school buildings*;
- Requires the *Department of the Environment*, in consultation with the *State Department of Education*, to establish and administer a *grant program* to assist local school systems with costs associated with implementing remedial measures.

Elementary School Students: Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) (HB110)

- ***Requires daily physical activity*** be provided in ***public elementary schools***;
- The bill originally stated that the physical education must total ***150 minutes each week*** and include a ***minimum of 90 minutes*** of physical education.
- The bill did not ultimately pass.

Public Schools- Provision of Feminine Hygiene Products (HB133)

- The bill *requires* a county board of education to ensure that each public school serving students in any grade from **grades 6 through 12** provides, at no charge to students, *feminine hygiene products* in the restrooms at the school.

Prince George's County- Elementary School Students- Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) (HB196)

- **Requires** public school students in **Prince George's County** elementary schools to be provided a **daily program** of physical activity, totaling **150 minutes weekly**;
- Requires that student's physical activity program to be **consistent** with the student's **Individualized Education Program**, if applicable.

Public School Students - Vision Services and the Vision for Maryland Program (HB1242/SB915)

- **Requires** each county board of education to coordinate with the ***Vision for Maryland Program*** to ensure that students are able to receive ***eye examinations*** and, if necessary, ***eyeglasses***;
- Establishes the ***Vision for Maryland Program***;
- Requires the ***Maryland Department of Health*** to carry out the Program in ***consultation*** with ***Johns Hopkins University, county boards of education, and local health departments.***

State Department of Education-Guidelines on Trauma Informed Approach (SB223/HB256)

- Establishes a ***Trauma-Informed School Initiative*** which would include ***providing trainings to staff members*** of local school systems and ***establish guidelines*** for how schools approach ***student's trauma***.

Education - Identification of Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Study and Report (SB778/ HB708)

- Requires the *MD Department of Health, the State Department of Education, and the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board* jointly to *study the under-identification of traumatic brain injuries* among school-aged children and to *recommend a process to identify* children with existing traumatic brain injuries in schools.

Questions?

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