

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.

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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.