

HOUSE BILL 883

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Synthetic Turf Fields – Informational Signs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a public elementary or secondary school to post a certain sign
4 in a conspicuous location at any synthetic turf field that is on property owned by a
5 local government or local school system and is used by the school for school activities;
6 requiring a certain sign at a certain synthetic turf field to inform users of certain
7 recommended precautions; and generally relating to the posting of precautions at
8 synthetic turf fields.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–438

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–438.**

18 **A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL POST A SIGN IN A**
19 **CONSPICUOUS LOCATION AT ANY SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD THAT IS ON PROPERTY**
20 **OWNED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IS USED BY THE**
21 **ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THAT STATES:**

22 **“ALL THOSE USING THIS SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING**
23 **RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1. KEEP BEVERAGES CLOSED AND IN BAGS OR COOLERS WHEN NOT**
2 **DRINKING TO MINIMIZE CONTAMINATION FROM FIELD DUST AND FIBERS.**

3 **2. BE AWARE OF THE SIGNS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS AND**
4 **DEHYDRATION. THIS FIELD CAN GET EXCESSIVELY HOT ON WARM, SUNNY DAYS.**
5 **TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.**

6 **3. WASH HANDS AND EXPOSED BODY PARTS AGGRESSIVELY AFTER USING**
7 **THIS FIELD.**

8 **4. REMOVE SHOES AND CLOTHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER USING**
9 **THIS FIELD TO AVOID TRACKING DUST AND INFILL TO OTHER LOCATIONS.”.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2016.