

# HOUSE BILL 497

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By: **Delegate R. Lewis**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the types of health care providers required to complete a  
4 physical examination of a student entering the Maryland Public School System for  
5 the first time to include a physician assistant; and generally relating to school  
6 physical examinations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 7–402  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 7–402.

16 (a) The Department of Education in consultation with the Maryland Department  
17 of Health shall adopt regulations requiring a physical examination for children entering  
18 the Maryland Public School System for the first time.

19 (b) The regulations shall require each child entering the Maryland Public School  
20 System for the first time to have a physical examination completed within:

21 (1) The 9–month period before entering the public school system; or

22 (2) The 6–month period after entering the public school system.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The physical examination required under subsection (b) of this section shall  
2 be completed by:

3 (1) A physician; [or]

4 (2) **A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; OR**

5 **(3)** A certified nurse practitioner.

6 (d) (1) For each school year each public school shall report to the county board  
7 or county health department the number of children entering the public school system for  
8 the first time who have not had a physical examination because of:

9 (i) The lack of access to health care;

10 (ii) Insufficient financial resources; or

11 (iii) Any other reason, including a religious reason, as the public  
12 school deems appropriate.

13 (2) The county board or county health department shall report the  
14 information obtained under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Maryland Department  
15 of Health.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
17 1, 2020.