

# HOUSE BILL 1481

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By: **Delegates McMillan, Hayes, and Oaks**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Immunizations of Adolescents – Recommendations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to  
4 develop and make available to each primary care provider a notice regarding the  
5 recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to  
6 immunizations of adolescents and guidance for making a certain recommendation as  
7 required under a certain provision of this Act; requiring each primary care provider  
8 during certain encounters to make a certain assessment and strongly recommend to  
9 certain adolescents, parents, and legal guardians that the adolescents receive all  
10 immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for  
11 which the adolescents are eligible; requiring a primary care provider to document a  
12 certain declination in an adolescent's medical record under certain circumstances;  
13 and generally relating to recommendations related to immunizations of adolescents.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General

16 Section 18–214.2

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health – General**

22 **18–214.2.**

23 **(A) THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS SHALL**  
24 **DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO EACH PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) A NOTICE REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTERS**  
2 **FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RELATED TO IMMUNIZATIONS OF**  
3 **ADOLESCENTS; AND**

4           **(2) GUIDANCE FOR MAKING A STRONG RECOMMENDATION AS**  
5 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

6           **(B) DURING EACH NONEMERGENT MEDICAL ENCOUNTER WITH AN**  
7 **ADOLESCENT, EACH PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SHALL ASSESS ELIGIBILITY FOR AND**  
8 **STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO THE ADOLESCENT AND THE PARENT OR LEGAL**  
9 **GUARDIAN OF THE ADOLESCENT THAT THE ADOLESCENT RECEIVE ALL**  
10 **IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND**  
11 **PREVENTION FOR WHICH THE ADOLESCENT IS ELIGIBLE.**

12           **(C) IF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF AN ADOLESCENT DECLINES TO**  
13 **HAVE THE ADOLESCENT RECEIVE AN IMMUNIZATION THAT WAS STRONGLY**  
14 **RECOMMENDED BY THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
15 **SECTION, THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SHALL DOCUMENT THE DECLINATION IN**  
16 **THE ADOLESCENT'S MEDICAL RECORD.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2017.