

Chapter 199

**(House Bill 221)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers**

FOR the purpose of transferring the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers from the State Department of Education to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff support for the Council; authorizing the Commission to seek certain assistance to provide additional staffing resources to the Commission and the Council; requiring the Council to report certain findings and recommendations to the Commission on or before a certain date each year; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers.

BY transferring

Article – Education

Section 7–4A–01 through 7–4A–05, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 4A. Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers”, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

to be

Article – Health – General

Section 19–22A–01 through 19–22A–05, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 22A. Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers”, respectively

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(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–22A–01, 19–22A–02, 19–22A–03(a), and 19–22A–05

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7–4A–01 through 7–4A–05, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 4A. Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers” of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 19–22A–01 through 19–22A–05, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 22A. Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers” of Article – Health – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

19–22A–01.

(A) In this subtitle[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(B) **“COMMISSION” MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION.**

(C) **“Council”** means the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers.

19–22A–02.

(a) There is a Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers in the Department.

(b) The purpose of the Council is to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school–based health centers by advancing the integration of school–based health centers into:

- (1) The health care system at the State and local levels; and
- (2) The educational system at the State and local levels.

(c) (1) Staff support for the Council shall be provided by the **[Department] COMMISSION.**

(2) The **[Department] COMMISSION** may seek the assistance of organizations with expertise in school–based health care or other matters within the duties of the Council provided in **[§ 7–4A–05] § 19–22A–05** of this subtitle to provide additional staffing resources to the **[Department] COMMISSION** and the Council.

19–22A–03.

(a) The Council consists of the following 15 voting members and 6 ex officio members:

(1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate, as an ex officio member;

(2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, as an ex officio member;

(3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a designee of the Secretary, as an ex officio member;

(4) The State Superintendent of Schools as an ex officio member;

(5) The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange as an ex officio member;

(6) The Chairman of the [Maryland Community Health Resources] Commission, or a designee of the Chairman, as an ex officio member; and

(7) The following 15 members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) The President of the Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care, or a designee of the President;

(ii) Three representatives of school-based health centers, nominated by the Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care:

1. From a diverse array of sponsoring organizations; and

2. For at least one of the representatives, from a nursing background;

(iii) One representative of the Public Schools Superintendents Association of Maryland;

(iv) One representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

(v) One elementary school principal of a school that has a school-based health center;

(vi) One secondary school principal of a school that has a school-based health center;

(vii) One representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(viii) One representative of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers;

- (ix) One representative of a federally qualified health center, nominated by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers;
- (x) One representative of a managed care organization;
- (xi) One representative of a commercial health insurance carrier;
- (xii) One pediatrician, nominated by the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and
- (xiii) One parent or guardian of a student who utilizes services at a school-based health center.

19-22A-05.

(a) The Council shall develop policy recommendations to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school-based health centers by:

- (1) Supporting local community efforts to establish or expand school-based health center capacity in primary care, behavioral health, and oral health;
- (2) Integrating school-based health centers into existing and emerging patient-centered models of care;
- (3) Promoting the inclusion of school-based health centers in networks of managed care organizations and commercial health insurance carriers;
- (4) Advancing the public health goals of State and local health officials;
- (5) Promoting the inclusion of school-based health centers into networks of school health services and coordinated student service models for the range of services offered in school settings;
- (6) Supporting State and local initiatives to promote student success;
- (7) Reviewing and revising best practice guidelines; and
- (8) Supporting the long-term sustainability of school-based health centers.

(b) The Council shall review the collection and analysis of school-based health center data collected by the **STATE** Department **OF EDUCATION** to:

- (1) Make recommendations on best practices for the collection and analysis of the data; and

(2) Provide guidance on the development of findings and recommendations based on the data.

(c) The Council shall conduct other activities the Council considers appropriate to meet the purpose of the Council.

(d) On or before December 31 of each year, the Council shall report the findings and recommendations of the Council to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the State Department of Education, **THE COMMISSION**, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on improving the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school-based health centers.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**