

# HOUSE BILL 1386

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – ~~Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline – Sign~~ Reporting Child**  
3 **Abuse – Telephone Number**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ encouraging public schools to post a certain telephone  
5 number conspicuously ~~a sign~~ in a certain area of the school ~~that contains the~~  
6 ~~telephone number of the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline; requiring a public~~  
7 ~~school to display a certain sign in certain languages; and generally relating to~~  
8 ~~displaying the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline in public schools; requiring~~  
9 a county board to ensure that a certain telephone number is published in certain  
10 student handbooks and on certain websites; and generally relating to reporting child  
11 abuse or neglect in public schools.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 7-441

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7-441.**

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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) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ~~SHALL~~ IS ENCOURAGED TO POST THE  
 2 APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR  
 3 NEGLECT CONSPICUOUSLY IN A HIGH-TRAFFIC, WIDELY USED AREA OF THE SCHOOL  
 4 ~~A SIGN THAT CONTAINS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE CHILDHHELP NATIONAL~~  
 5 ~~CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE.~~

6 ~~(B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL DISPLAY THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS~~  
 7 ~~SECTION IN ENGLISH AND IN SPANISH.~~

8 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT THE APPROPRIATE  
 9 TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS  
 10 PUBLISHED:

11 (1) IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL’S STUDENT HANDBOOK; AND

12 (2) ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OR LOCAL SCHOOL  
 13 SYSTEM.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 15 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.