

SENATE BILL 954

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CF HB 567

By: **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public and Nonpublic High Schools – Organ and Tissue Donation**
3 **Awareness Instruction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to provide certain instruction on
5 organ and tissue donation and registration in a certain manner to certain students
6 in public high schools beginning in a certain school year; specifying the purposes and
7 goals of the instruction; encouraging nonpublic high schools to provide certain
8 instruction on organ and tissue donation and registration in a certain manner;
9 encouraging county boards to provide certain instruction on organ and tissue
10 donation and registration in a certain manner during a certain school year; and
11 generally relating to organ and tissue donation awareness instruction in high
12 schools.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–446

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–446.**

22 **(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL**
23 **PROVIDE AGE–APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND**
24 **REGISTRATION AS PART OF THE PERSONAL AND CONSUMER HEALTH CURRICULUM**
25 **IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE INSTRUCTION ARE TO:**

2 **(1) DESCRIBE THE BENEFITS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION TO**
3 **THE GREATER SOCIETY AND TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUALS**
4 **WHOSE LIVES ARE SAVED BY THE DONATIONS; AND**

5 **(2) EXPLAIN THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO MINORS AND ADULTS**
6 **REGARDING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION, INCLUDING MATTERS CONCERNING:**

7 **(I) THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE THE WRITTEN**
8 **CONSENT AND AUTHORITY OF PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS; AND**

9 **(II) THE OPTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DESIGNATE AND**
10 **GRANT TO A DECISION MAKER THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ORGAN AND TISSUE**
11 **DONATION DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

12 **(C) A NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE**
13 **AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND**
14 **REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, during the 2019–2020 school
16 year, a county board of education is encouraged to provide age–appropriate instruction on
17 organ and tissue donation and registration as part of the personal and consumer health
18 curriculum in grades 9 through 12 in public schools in the county in accordance with the
19 purposes and goals established in § 7–446(b) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section
20 1 of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.