

# HOUSE BILL 802

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions – Civil Immunity – Educator Intervention in Student Violence**  
3 **(Good Teacher Protection Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain staff member of a school is not civilly liable for  
5 personal injury or property damage resulting from intervention in certain student  
6 activity subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating to immunity from civil  
7 liability for school staff.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 5–803  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 5–803.

17 (a) (1) Whether or not an individual receives compensation for the individual's  
18 services, an employee of a county health department or other local department or agency  
19 functioning as a school nurse or school health aide or a member of the administrative,  
20 educational, or support staff of, or an individual who serves under a contract for services  
21 to, any public, private, or parochial school is immune from liability for:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Making a report required by law, if the individual acts on  
2 reasonable grounds;

3 (ii) Participating in a judicial proceeding that results from the  
4 individual's report; and

5 (iii) Making a report to the appropriate school official or to a parent  
6 if the individual has reasonable grounds to suspect that a student is:

7 1. Under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a controlled  
8 dangerous substance;

9 2. In possession of alcoholic beverages or a controlled  
10 dangerous substance; or

11 3. Involved in the illegal sale or distribution of alcoholic  
12 beverages or a controlled dangerous substance.

13 (2) Paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection is effective only to the extent that  
14 its provisions do not conflict with federal or State confidentiality laws and regulations.

15 (b) A county superintendent or any employee of a county school system who  
16 presents or enters findings of fact, recommendations, or reports or who participates in an  
17 employee dismissal, disciplinary, administrative, or judicial proceeding relating to a school  
18 system employee that results from these actions is immune from any civil liability if the  
19 action is:

20 (1) In the performance of duties;

21 (2) Within the scope of employment; and

22 (3) Without malice.

23 **(C) A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, EDUCATIONAL, OR SUPPORT**  
24 **STAFF OF ANY PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL**  
25 **LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM AN**  
26 **INTERVENTION IN AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN STUDENTS OR OTHER STUDENT**  
27 **DISTURBANCE IF:**

28 **(1) THE MEMBER WAS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO PROTECT**  
29 **STUDENTS FROM HARM; AND**

30 **(2) THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MEMBER IN INTERVENING WERE NOT**  
31 **GROSSLY NEGLIGENT.**

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

1 October 1, 2020.