

SENATE BILL 322

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Health Education – Gambling Dangers and Addiction**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, on or before a certain
4 date, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and
5 gambling addiction; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State
6 agencies responsible for gambling addiction education and control; requiring a
7 county board of education to require each public middle and high school in the county
8 to include instruction on gambling dangers and addiction in certain grades,
9 beginning in a certain school year and annually thereafter; authorizing the State
10 Board of Education to adopt regulations to implement this Act; and generally
11 relating to education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction for students
12 in public schools.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–446

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 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) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A**
23 **PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
24 **ADDICTION TO BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE GAMBLING DANGERS AND ADDICTION EDUCATION PROGRAM**
2 **SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE**
3 **FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND CONTROL, INCLUDING THE**
4 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **HEALTH.**

6 **(C) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN THE 2021–2022 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY**
7 **BOARD SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY**
8 **TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
9 **ADDICTION IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12.**

10 **(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
11 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2020.