

# HOUSE BILL 827

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HB 725/20 – W&M

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Instruction in Print and Cursive Handwriting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to require each public  
4 elementary school in the county to provide instruction in print and cursive  
5 handwriting to students beginning in a certain school year; and generally relating to  
6 handwriting instruction in public schools.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 4–141

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 **4–141.**

16 **BEGINNING IN THE 2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL**  
17 **REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE**  
18 **HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION THAT ENABLES STUDENTS TO DEVELOP:**

19 **(1) LEGIBLE PRINT HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE THIRD GRADE;**

20 **AND**

21 **(2) LEGIBLE CURSIVE HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE FIFTH**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **GRADE.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
3 1, 2022.