

SENATE BILL 363

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SB 243/21 – EHE

2lr1088

By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop a program of
4 education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction to be provided in public
5 high schools; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State agencies
6 responsible for gambling addiction education and control; authorizing a county board
7 of education to require each public high school in the county to include instruction
8 on gambling dangers and addiction; and generally relating to education on the
9 dangers of gambling and gambling addiction for students in public high schools.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–450

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–450.**

19 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A**
20 **PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
21 **ADDICTION TO BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.**

22 **(B) THE GAMBLING DANGERS AND ADDICTION EDUCATION PROGRAM**
23 **SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE**
24 **FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND CONTROL, INCLUDING THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **HEALTH.**

3 **(C) BEGINNING IN THE 2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD MAY**
4 **REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON**
5 **THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION ONE TIME FOR STUDENTS**
6 **DURING GRADES 9 THROUGH 12.**

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

9 **(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT**
10 **TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE**
11 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE COUNTY BOARDS THAT**
12 **REQUIRED INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
13 **ADDICTION, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION THAT**
14 **EACH COUNTY BOARD USED.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2022.