

# SENATE BILL 852

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By: **Senator Carter**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – ~~County Boards of Education – Health Educator Position~~ School**  
3 **Personnel – Training**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring each county board of education to create a health educator~~  
5 ~~position to oversee the implementation of certain health education instruction and~~  
6 ~~to gather certain data;~~ altering the training requirements for certain school  
7 personnel to include training to recognize students experiencing teen dating  
8 violence; and generally relating to health education and county boards of education.

9 BY ~~adding to~~ repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Education

11 Section ~~4-141~~ 6-122(a)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Education

16 Section 6-122(b) and (c)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 6-122.

2 (a) Except as provided in § 6-704.1 of this title and beginning on or before July 1,  
 3 2018, the State Board shall require all certificated school personnel who have direct contact  
 4 with students on a regular basis to complete training on or before December 1 each year,  
 5 by a method determined by each county board, in the skills required to:

6 (1) Understand and respond to youth suicide risk;

7 (2) Identify professional resources to help students in crisis;

8 (3) Recognize student behavioral health issues;

9 (4) Recognize students experiencing trauma or violence out of school,  
 10 INCLUDING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, and refer students to behavioral health services;  
 11 and

12 (5) If the school is a community school, support any students needing the  
 13 services at a community school.

14 (b) The training required under subsection (a) of this section shall be:

15 (1) Provided to certificated school personnel during an in-service program;  
 16 or

17 (2) A professional development requirement that may be met during time  
 18 designated for professional development.

19 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

20 ~~4-141.~~

21 ~~(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL CREATE A HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION~~  
 22 ~~TO:~~

23 ~~(1) OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGE APPROPRIATE HEALTH~~  
 24 ~~EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY; AND~~

25 ~~(2) GATHER DETAILED DATA REGARDING THE OPERATION AND~~  
 26 ~~EFFECTIVENESS OF HEALTH EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE~~  
 27 ~~COUNTY.~~

28 ~~(B) THE HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION SHALL BE FUNDED USING THE~~  
 29 ~~FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.