

HOUSE BILL 167

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HB 15/20 – W&M

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate Harrison**

Requested: August 2, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Student Health – Certificate of Dental Health**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning in a certain school year, certain students to submit
4 a certificate of dental health to their school on a certain schedule; requiring the State
5 Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health,
6 to adopt certain regulations and to develop and disseminate a certain form to county
7 boards of education and certain parents and guardians; and generally relating to
8 public schools and a certificate of dental health.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–402.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–402.1.**

18 **(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH STUDENT**
19 **ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL**
20 **SUBMIT TO THE SCHOOL A CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH ON A SCHEDULE**
21 **ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

22 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **HEALTH, ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:**

3 **(I) STANDARDS FOR PERIODIC DENTAL EXAMINATIONS; AND**

4 **(II) A SCHEDULE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFICATE OF**
5 **DENTAL HEALTH BY STUDENTS; AND**

6 **(2) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A STANDARD FORM FOR A**
7 **CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
8 **SECTION TO THE COUNTY BOARDS AND THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS**
9 **IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2024.