

# HOUSE BILL 1136

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By: **Delegates Pippy and Cox**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County Board of Education – Graduation Requirements – Mental**  
3 **Health Education**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to increase the  
5 amount of mental health education credits that a student must complete to be  
6 awarded a high school diploma by the same proportion as the State Board of  
7 Education's increase to the required amount of health education credits under  
8 certain circumstances; requiring the Frederick County Board of Education to  
9 establish a certain mental health education curriculum in consultation with certain  
10 entities; and generally relating to mental health education requirements for  
11 graduation in public schools in Frederick County.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 7–205.5  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7–205.5.**

21 **(A) (1) IF THE STATE BOARD INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF HEALTH**  
22 **EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST EARN TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL**  
23 **DIPLOMA, THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL INCREASE THE**  
24 **AMOUNT OF MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CREDITS THAT A STUDENT MUST**  
25 **COMPLETE TO BE AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY THE SAME PROPORTION**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 AS THE STATE BOARD'S INCREASE TO THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF HEALTH  
2 EDUCATION CREDITS.

3 (B) THE FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH  
4 THE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT TO BE  
5 AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN  
6 CONSULTATION WITH:

7 (1) THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE MARYLAND  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

9 (2) THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF MARYLAND;

10 (3) THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, WHICH MAY  
11 INCLUDE THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY; AND

12 (4) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINES IS  
13 APPROPRIATE.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2019.