

# HOUSE BILL 567

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public and Nonpublic High Schools – Organ and Tissue Donation**  
3 **Awareness Instruction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to provide certain instruction on  
5 organ and tissue donation and registration in a certain manner to certain students  
6 in public high schools beginning in a certain school year; specifying the purposes and  
7 goals of the instruction; encouraging nonpublic high schools to provide certain  
8 instruction on organ and tissue donation and registration in a certain manner;  
9 encouraging county boards to provide certain instruction on organ and tissue  
10 donation and registration in a certain manner during a certain school year; and  
11 generally relating to organ and tissue donation awareness instruction in high  
12 schools.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–446

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–446.**

22 **(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL**  
23 **PROVIDE AGE–APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 REGISTRATION AS PART OF THE PERSONAL AND CONSUMER HEALTH CURRICULUM  
2 IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

3 (B) THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE INSTRUCTION ARE TO:

4 (1) DESCRIBE THE BENEFITS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION TO  
5 THE GREATER SOCIETY AND TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
6 WHOSE LIVES ARE SAVED BY THE DONATIONS; AND

7 (2) EXPLAIN THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO MINORS AND ADULTS  
8 REGARDING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION, INCLUDING MATTERS CONCERNING:

9 (I) THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE THE WRITTEN  
10 CONSENT AND AUTHORITY OF PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS; AND

11 (II) THE OPTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DESIGNATE AND  
12 GRANT TO A DECISION MAKER THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ORGAN AND TISSUE  
13 DONATION DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

14 (C) A NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE  
15 AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND  
16 REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, during the 2019–2020 school  
18 year, a county board of education is encouraged to provide age-appropriate instruction on  
19 organ and tissue donation and registration as part of the personal and consumer health  
20 curriculum in grades 9 through 12 in public schools in the county in accordance with the  
21 purposes and goals established in § 7–446(b) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section  
22 1 of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
24 1, 2019.