

HOUSE BILL 730

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HB 880/23 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Conaway**
Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2024
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Middle Schools – Course on Collateral Consequences of a**
3 **Criminal Conviction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum standards
5 and county boards of education to develop and implement a curriculum for a course
6 on the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction for public middle school
7 students in the State; and generally relating to a course on collateral consequences
8 of a criminal conviction for public middle school students.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–213
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 **7–213.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL
19 CONVICTION” MEANS THE LEGAL PENALTIES THAT:

20 (1) TAKE AWAY AN INDIVIDUAL’S RIGHTS OR ACCESS TO PROGRAMS
21 OR SERVICES; OR

22 (2) IMPOSE ANOTHER TYPE OF DISADVANTAGE THAT PUNISHES AN
23 INDIVIDUAL BUT IS NOT PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S SENTENCE IMPOSED AFTER

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CONVICTION OF A CRIME.

2 (B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM
3 STANDARDS FOR A COURSE ON THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL
4 CONVICTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
5 STATE.

6 (C) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY
7 BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM BASED ON THE
8 CURRICULUM STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION
9 (B) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (2) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT A COURSE ON THE
11 COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION IS TAUGHT AT LEAST
12 ONCE TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8.

13 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
14 SECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2024.