

HOUSE BILL 730

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HB 880/23 – W&M

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State ~~Board~~ Department of Education to develop
5 ~~curriculum standards and county boards of education to develop and implement a~~
6 ~~curriculum for a course~~ an instructive program on the collateral consequences of a
7 criminal conviction for public middle school students in the State; providing for the
8 method of administering the instructive program; and generally relating to ~~a course~~
9 ~~on an instructive program on the~~ collateral consequences of a criminal conviction for
10 public middle school students.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section ~~7-213~~ 7-304.2

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 ~~7-213.~~ 7-304.2.

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

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

5 (2) IMPOSE ANOTHER TYPE OF DISADVANTAGE THAT PUNISHES AN
6 INDIVIDUAL BUT IS NOT PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S SENTENCE IMPOSED AFTER
7 CONVICTION OF A CRIME.

8 ~~(B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM
9 STANDARDS FOR A COURSE ON THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL
10 CONVICTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
11 STATE.~~

12 ~~(C) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY
13 BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM BASED ON THE
14 CURRICULUM STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION
15 (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

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

19 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM
20 ON THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

21 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL AIM TO TEACH STUDENTS IN GRADES 6
22 THROUGH 8 ABOUT THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION
23 IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

24 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE MATERIALS DESIGNED FOR
25 THE PROGRAM TO PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

26 (C) A PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM TO A
27 STUDENT, THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBER, WHEN THE STUDENT IS:

28 (1) PLACED IN AN IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION; OR

29 (2) RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER BEING REMOVED UNDER § 7-305
30 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

31 (D) ~~THE STATE BOARD~~ DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY
32 OUT THIS SECTION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.