

# HOUSE BILL 74

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HB 593/23 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Requested: September 7, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Lifesaver Schools Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools  
4 that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; and  
5 generally relating to the Lifesaver Schools Program.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–135

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 **7–135.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE LIFESAVER SCHOOLS**  
16 **PROGRAM.**

17 **(B) (1) THERE IS A LIFESAVER SCHOOLS PROGRAM.**

18 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC**  
19 **SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND**  
20 **SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

21 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A**  
2 **LIFESAVER SCHOOL IF THE SCHOOL APPLIES AND MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR A**  
3 **LIFESAVER SCHOOL ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
4 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

5           **(D) AT MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA FOR A LIFESAVER SCHOOL**  
6 **SHALL REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO:**

7           **(1) OFFER TO STUDENTS:**

8                   **(I) EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING ON CARDIOPULMONARY**  
9 **RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND FIRST AID; AND**

10                   **(II) A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR A PEER**  
11 **MENTORING PROGRAM;**

12           **(2) PROVIDE SERVICE HOURS TO STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN**  
13 **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES;**

14           **(3) OFFER TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS PROFESSIONAL**  
15 **DEVELOPMENT A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR**  
16 **FIRST AID; AND**

17           **(4) ESTABLISH ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE**  
18 **WEBPAGE THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS**  
19 **PROGRAM OR TRAINING ON CPR OR FIRST AID.**

20           **(E) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY BOARD TO FULFILL**  
21 **THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS A LIFESAVER SCHOOL.**

22           **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
23 **SECTION.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2024.