

SENATE BILL 243

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SB 322/20 – EHE

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public High Schools – Health Education – Gambling Dangers and Addiction**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, on or before a certain
4 date, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and
5 gambling addiction; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State
6 agencies responsible for gambling addiction education and control; authorizing a
7 county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to require each public
8 high school in the county to include instruction on gambling dangers and addiction
9 once during a certain period of time; authorizing the State Board of Education to
10 adopt regulations to implement this Act; requiring the Department, on or before a
11 certain date, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the county
12 boards that required instruction on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction,
13 including information on the program of education that each county board used; and
14 generally relating to education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction
15 for students in public high schools.

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Education
18 Section 7–447
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

24 **7–447.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A**
2 **PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
3 **ADDICTION TO BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.**

4 **(B) THE GAMBLING DANGERS AND ADDICTION EDUCATION PROGRAM**
5 **SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE**
6 **FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND CONTROL, INCLUDING THE**
7 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **HEALTH.**

9 **(C) BEGINNING IN THE 2022–2023 SCHOOL YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD MAY**
10 **REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON**
11 **THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION ONE TIME FOR STUDENTS**
12 **DURING GRADES 9 THROUGH 12.**

13 **(D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
14 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

15 **(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT**
16 **TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE**
17 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE COUNTY BOARDS THAT**
18 **REQUIRED INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING**
19 **ADDICTION, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION THAT**
20 **EACH COUNTY BOARD USED.**

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
22 **1, 2021.**