

SENATE BILL 506

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By: **Senators Young, Currie, Guzzone, Madaleno, Montgomery, Nathan-Pulliam, Pinsky, and Salling**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Health and Safety – School Wellness Committees**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to establish a certain wellness
4 committee to discuss certain topics and make certain recommendations; providing
5 for the membership of certain wellness committees; requiring each meeting of certain
6 wellness committees to be open to the public and to provide opportunity for public
7 comment; authorizing each county board to adopt certain regulations; and generally
8 relating to school wellness committees.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–437

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 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 **7–437.**

18 **(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A WELLNESS COMMITTEE TO:**

19 **(1) DISCUSS ISSUES RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND**
20 **SOCIAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS; AND**

21 **(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY BOARD BASED ON**
22 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE**
2 **COUNTY BOARD, PARENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, PUBLIC SCHOOL**
3 **STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SCHOOL**
4 **FOOD SERVICES WORKERS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, NUTRITIONAL**
5 **PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITY WELLNESS ORGANIZATIONS, AND NONPROFIT**
6 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 **(2) A MEMBER OF THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE MUST BE:**

8 **(I) A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE COUNTY BOARD**
9 **IS LOCATED; OR**

10 **(II) EMPLOYED IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE COUNTY BOARD**
11 **IS LOCATED.**

12 **(3) AT LEAST 50% OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE**
13 **SHALL BE PARENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

14 **(C) EACH MEETING OF THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE SHALL:**

15 **(1) BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; AND**

16 **(2) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.**

17 **(D) EACH COUNTY BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**
18 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2015.