

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

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**Gun Safety Education Program**

30 FOR the purpose of creating a certain gun safety education program in public schools;  
40 requiring the State Department of Education to establish certain guidelines;  
50 requiring local school boards to develop a certain curriculum; and generally  
60 relating to a gun safety education program.

70 BY adding to

80 Article - Education

90 Section 7-418

100 Annotated Code of Maryland

110 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

120 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

130 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Education**

150 7-418.

160 (A) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE A MANDATORY GUN SAFETY  
170 EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS GIVEN IN A PLANNED AND SEQUENTIAL MANNER,  
180 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12, AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTION IN HEALTH  
190 EDUCATION.

200 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE  
210 ADMINISTRATION OF THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM.

220 (C) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

230 (1) DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH A  
240 CURRICULUM:

250 (I) APPROPRIATE TO THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND NEEDS OF EACH  
260 SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

270 (II) UTILIZING MULTIPLE RESOURCES FOR CREATION;

280 (2) SUBMIT THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM TO THE  
290 DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION; AND

300 (3) REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH  
310 SCHOOL YEAR ON THE STATUS OF THE GUN SAFETY EDUCATION  
320 PROGRAM.

330 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
340 October 1, 2001.

350 MANDATES:

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