

(d) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while he is under the influence of any controlled dangerous substance, as that term is defined in Article 27, § 279 of the Code, if the person is not entitled to use the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 452**

**(House Bill 519)**

AN ACT concerning

**Truancy – Investigation and Reporting Requirements**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals, upon receipt of a report from certain school officials that a student has been habitually truant without lawful excuse, to initiate an investigation into the cause of the student's truancy; authorizing certain individuals to provide certain services and to notify the Department of Juvenile Justice that the student has been habitually truant; requiring certain school officials to provide to a local education agency certain information on certain students described as habitually truant; and generally relating to the establishment of investigation and reporting requirements concerning truancy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7-302 and 7-304(e) (f)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Education**

7-302.

(A) The principal or head teacher of each public or private school in this State shall report immediately to the county superintendent, the supervisor of pupil personnel, or any other official designated by the county superintendent the name of each child enrolled in his school who has been absent or irregular in attendance, without lawful excuse, or who shows evidence of maladjustment, so that the causes may be studied and solutions worked out.

(B) ON RECEIPT OF A REPORT FROM A PRINCIPAL OR HEAD TEACHER OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT A STUDENT HAS BEEN HABITUALLY TRUANT WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE, THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM: