

**CHAPTER 331**

**(House Bill 358)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Schools - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State ~~Board~~ Department of Education to establish procedures for the administration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey; authorizing the State ~~Board~~ Department to omit certain ~~sections of the~~ survey questions under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to require a local school system to obtain certain parental consent; establishing certain requirements for a certain parental consent form; and generally relating to the administration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-420

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Education**

7-420.

(A) ~~THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SURVEY.~~

~~(B) THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT MAY OMIT A SECTION OF THE SURVEY IF THE STATE BOARD CONSIDERS THE CONTENT WITHIN THAT SECTION AS INAPPROPRIATE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF ONE-THIRD OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONS IF THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE CONTENT OF THE QUESTIONS INAPPROPRIATE.~~

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT USING A PARENTAL CONSENT FORM BEFORE ADMINISTERING THE SURVEY.

(2) THE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT EXPLAINS HOW A PARENT CAN OBTAIN ~~SAMPLE QUESTIONS~~ A COPY OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SURVEY, INCLUDING THE MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND WEBSITE ADDRESS OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.