

~~health risk data in a broad range of areas~~ has established and maintains, in collaboration with the states, systems for the collection of data regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs by youth, including the Youth Tobacco Survey and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey; and

WHEREAS, The national nature of ~~the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey~~ these surveys enables states to compare the risk behaviors of their children with those of children in other parts of the country and is required data for the receipt of certain federal grant funding; and

~~WHEREAS, In 2004, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation requiring that the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey be administered every 2 years in a randomly selected sample of Maryland schools; and~~

WHEREAS, The administration of surveys requires substantial time and effort by Maryland schools; and

WHEREAS, ~~The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey obtains some of the data required for the Maryland Adolescent Survey and the Youth Tobacco Survey and can be modified to obtain all legally required data on the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs~~ It is desirable to minimize the administrative impact of these surveys on both students and schools as well as improve the quality and validity of the data collected; now, therefore,

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

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~~7-420.~~

~~(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(2) "MARYLAND ADOLESCENT SURVEY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 13-1001(L) OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

~~(3) "SURVEY" MEANS THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SURVEY.~~

~~(4) "YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 13-1001(X) OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~