

administration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey in the public schools of the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Education
Section 7-420
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Many factors contributing to crippling or fatal injuries, asthma, obesity, and other health problems of children and youth are associated with environmental or behavioral risk factors; and

WHEREAS, Reliable data on risk factors contributing to child and adolescent deaths and illnesses enable public health personnel to develop programs to mitigate these factors; and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have created the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), which is a tool to measure these factors and to monitor the effectiveness of risk reduction programs; and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the use of passive consent for the administration of the YRBSS survey, in order to obtain a completely representative and statistically valid number of survey participants; now, therefore,

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 Department shall establish procedures for the administration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey.

(b) The Department may omit 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] **UTILIZE PASSIVE PARENTAL CONSENT** before administering the survey.