

SENATE BILL 128

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By: **Senators Raskin, Britt, Della, Forehand, Garagiola, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Muse, Peters, Pugh, Robey, Rosapepe, Simonaire, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, and Harris**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and Civic**
3 **Responsibility for Students**

4 FOR the purpose of acknowledging federal law that establishes Constitution Day and
5 Citizenship Day and to celebrate that day in the public schools; ~~requiring~~
6 authorizing each county board to establish a certain program to teach students
7 in its schools about the United States Constitution and the Maryland
8 Constitution; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the program to include certain events ~~and~~,
9 the opportunity for certain students to register to vote, and efforts to reinforce
10 certain curricula; and generally relating to Constitution Day and Citizenship
11 Day and civic responsibility for students.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 7–116
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2006 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-116.**

5 (A) **THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO:**

6 (1) **ACKNOWLEDGE 36 U.S.C. § 106, WHICH DESIGNATES**
7 **SEPTEMBER 17 OF EACH YEAR AS “CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY”**
8 **TO COMMEMORATE THE SIGNING OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON**
9 **SEPTEMBER 17, 1787; AND**

10 (2) **CELEBRATE “CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY” IN**
11 **THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HELP INSTILL IN STUDENTS KNOWLEDGE OF THE**
12 **HISTORY, IMPORTANCE, AND ENDURING MEANING OF THE UNITED STATES**
13 **CONSTITUTION AND OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ON THE CITIZENS OF**
14 **THE STATE.**

15 (B) (1) **IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUB. L. 108-447 § 111(B), EACH**
16 **COUNTY BOARD ~~SHALL~~ MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION TO BE HELD**
17 **ON “CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY” EACH YEAR TO TEACH**
18 **STUDENTS ABOUT:**

19 (I) **THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND**

20 (II) **THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.**

21 (2) **THE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE:**

22 (I) **SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES, DISCUSSIONS, PRESENTATIONS,**
23 **AND EVENTS COMMEMORATING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE**
24 **MARYLAND CONSTITUTION; ~~AND~~**

25 (II) **THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO**
26 **REGISTER TO VOTE; AND**

27 (III) **EFFORTS TO REINFORCE EXISTING CURRICULA.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.