

HOUSE BILL 1429

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By: **Delegate Mosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Athletics – Basketball Schedule**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing rules for public school athletic schedules for basketball;
4 prohibiting a team, except under certain circumstances, from playing more than a
5 certain number of games per week; providing that the basketball schedule consists
6 of a certain number of regular season games for a team that elects to play in a
7 tournament or showcase game and a certain number of regular season games for
8 other teams; authorizing a team, in addition to certain regular season games, to play
9 in up to a certain number of tournament games or a number of showcase games
10 determined by the county board in a year; providing that a tournament may be
11 scheduled outside the normal basketball season; authorizing a State team to play in
12 a tournament or showcase game against certain out-of-state teams under certain
13 circumstances; requiring each county board of education to decide whether to
14 authorize a team to play in a tournament or showcase game; authorizing the county
15 board to authorize a team to play in an already scheduled tournament or showcase
16 game or a tournament or showcase game scheduled by the county board; and
17 generally relating to the basketball schedule for public schools.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 7–125
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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.



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

Article – Education

7-125.

(A) ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOR BASKETBALL SHALL
COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
BASKETBALL TEAM MAY NOT PLAY MORE THAN TWO GAMES PER WEEK.

(2) A TEAM MAY ELECT TO PLAY THREE GAMES PER WEEK TWICE
DURING THE BASKETBALL SEASON.

(C) THE BASKETBALL SEASON SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) 20 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT ELECTS TO PLAY
IN A TOURNAMENT; AND

(2) 22 REGULAR SEASON GAMES FOR A TEAM THAT DOES NOT ELECT
TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.

(D) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO ~~PARAGRAPH (2)~~ PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF
THIS SUBSECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES AUTHORIZED
UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, EACH YEAR A TEAM MAY PLAY IN UP
TO FOUR TOURNAMENT GAMES AND A NUMBER OF SHOWCASE GAMES DETERMINED
BY THE COUNTY BOARD, INCLUDING DURING A NCAA EVALUATION PERIOD.

(II) A TOURNAMENT OR SHOWCASE MAY BE SCHEDULED
OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BASKETBALL SEASON.

(III) A STATE TEAM MAY PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT OR SHOWCASE
GAME AGAINST A TEAM FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE IF THE OUT-OF-STATE TEAM HAS
EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS TO THOSE REQUIRED OF THE STATE TEAM.

(2) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO
AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT.

(II) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO:

1. PLAY IN AN ALREADY SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT; OR

1 2. **PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED BY THE COUNTY**
2 **BOARD.**

3 **(3) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO**
4 **AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO PLAY IN SHOWCASE GAMES.**

5 **(II) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE A TEAM TO:**

6 1. **PLAY IN AN ALREADY SCHEDULED SHOWCASE GAME**
7 **OR SERIES OF GAMES; OR**

8 2. **PLAY IN SHOWCASE GAMES SCHEDULED BY A COUNTY**
9 **BOARD.**

10 **(III) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE TEAMS TO PLAY IN ANY**
11 **NUMBER OF SHOWCASE GAMES.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.