

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

Article - Education

7-305.

(a) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- (I) CAROLINE COUNTY;
- (II) CARROLL COUNTY;
- (III) CECIL COUNTY;
- (IV) DORCHESTER COUNTY;
- (V) FREDERICK COUNTY;
- (VI) HARFORD COUNTY;
- (VII) KENT COUNTY;
- (VIII) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;
- (IX) SOMERSET COUNTY;
- (X) TALBOT COUNTY;
- (XI) WICOMICO COUNTY; OR
- (XII) WORCESTER COUNTY.

(2) Notwithstanding any bylaw, rule, or regulation made or approved by the State Board, [the use of corporal punishment by] a principal [or], vice-principal, OR OTHER EMPLOYEE MAY NOT ADMINISTER CORPORAL PUNISHMENT TO DISCIPLINE A STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE. [in the public schools of the following counties may not be prohibited:

- (1) Allegany;
- (2) Anne Arundel;
- (3) Calvert;
- (4) Caroline;
- (5) Carroll;
- (6) Cecil;
- (7) Charles;