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**By: Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (Departmental - Education)**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Fees for Teacher Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain law that provides for a fee for the issuance or  
4 renewal of teacher certificates; and generally relating to the fees charged for  
5 teacher certificates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 6-704  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 6-704.

15 (a) (1) In accordance with Title 10, subtitle 1 of the State Government Article,  
16 both the State Board and the Board shall develop for consideration rules and regulations  
17 for:

18 (i) The certification of teachers and other professional personnel in  
19 accordance with this Article; and

20 (ii) Requirements for preparation of teachers and other education  
21 personnel.

22 (2) Rules and regulations developed by the State Board shall be reviewed by  
23 the Board.

24 (3) Rules and regulations developed by the Board shall be reviewed by the  
25 State Board.

26 (4) Rules and regulations that are initiated by either the State Board or the  
27 Board and submitted for review to each other shall be acted upon within 60 days of their  
28 receipt by the other party.

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1 (5) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the  
2 Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by three-fourths of the members of the  
3 State Board.

4 (6) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the  
5 State Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by the Board.

6 (7) If the rules or regulations are disapproved under paragraph (6) of this  
7 subsection, the rules or regulations shall be implemented if they are approved by  
8 three-fourths of the members of the State Board.

9 (8) An individual who is otherwise qualified may not be denied the right to  
10 receive credentials from the Board, to receive training to become a teacher, or to practice  
11 teaching in any school because that individual is totally or partially blind.

12 (9) A county board may not refuse to contract with or engage a teacher  
13 because of blindness if the blind teacher is capable of performing the duties of the  
14 position for which he has applied.

15 (10) The right of a school psychologist, who is certified by the board to  
16 practice school psychology consistent with the provisions of that certification, may not be  
17 limited by Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article with respect to the practice of  
18 school psychology in an educational institution.

19 (b) The Board may establish a fee, not to exceed [10] \$50, for issuance or  
20 renewal of a teacher certificate. The Board may not require a fee:

21 (1) For the addition of any new area of certification to a currently valid  
22 certificate; or

23 (2) Except for the fee authorized under this subsection, for the evaluation of  
24 credentials for the certification of teachers.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 1996.