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By: **Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee (Departmental -  
Education)**

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CHAPTER 115

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Adult External High School Program**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain date when a certain report on an evaluation of  
4 the Maryland Adult External High School Program is due; extending the  
5 termination date for the Program; extending certain funding requirements for  
6 the Program through a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the  
7 Maryland Adult External High School Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-205.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Chapter 542 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
15 Section 3

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

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**Article - Education**

2 7-205.1.

3 (a) In this section, "Program" means the Maryland Adult External High  
4 School Program established for the citizens of Maryland under regulations adopted by  
5 the State Board.

6 (b) According to these regulations:

7 (1) The State Board recognizes demonstrated competencies in adults,  
8 regardless of whether these competencies were acquired in a formal school setting;  
9 and

10 (2) In response to this recognition of competencies, the Department  
11 provides alternative requirements and methods of obtaining a Maryland high school  
12 diploma.

13 (c) (1) Because the Program is a valuable service that is provided to the  
14 citizens of Maryland, for each of fiscal years 1998 through [2001] 2006 the Governor  
15 shall include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly, including  
16 any proposed supplemental budget, a General Fund appropriation for the Maryland  
17 Adult External High School Program in an amount not less than the amount of the  
18 Governor's General Fund appropriation for the Program in fiscal year 1996.

19 (2) For each of fiscal years 1998 through [2001] 2006 the Governor shall  
20 include federal funds, to the extent available, for the Program in an amount not less  
21 than the amount of the Governor's federal fund appropriation for the Program in  
22 fiscal year 1996.

23 (d) During fiscal year [2001] 2006, in order to assess the effectiveness of the  
24 Program, the State Board shall conduct an evaluation of the Program.

25 (e) The State Board shall report to the General Assembly on or before  
26 December 31, [2000] 2005, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
27 Article, on the results of the evaluation of the Program.

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**Chapter 542 of the Acts of 1997**

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective until June 30, [2001] 2006, and, at the end of  
31 June 30, [2001] 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
32 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 July 1, 2001.

