

SENATE BILL 694

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Teachers – Certification – Continuing Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to establish
4 continuing education criteria for certain teachers and to implement a system for
5 verifying completion of certain continuing education requirements; authorizing
6 certain continuing education criteria to include certain courses, roles, activities,
7 preparation, professional development, coaching, advising, or sponsoring;
8 requiring the State Board of Education to monitor the establishment and
9 implementation of certain continuing education requirements; prohibiting the
10 State Board from requiring recertification of certain teachers; and generally
11 relating to continuing education requirements for public school teachers.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 6–201.2

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **6–201.2.**

21 **(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:**

22 **(1) ESTABLISH CONTINUING EDUCATION CRITERIA FOR**
23 **CERTIFICATED TEACHERS WHO TEACH IN THE COUNTY; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR VERIFYING THE COMPLETION OF**
2 **ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.**

3 **(B) THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CRITERIA REQUIRED UNDER**
4 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE:**

5 **(1) COLLEGE COURSE CREDIT;**

6 **(2) LEADERSHIP ROLES AND ACTIVITIES;**

7 **(3) PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION OR**
8 **ANY OTHER ADVANCED TEACHING CREDENTIAL THAT GOES BEYOND STATE**
9 **LICENSURE;**

10 **(4) PREPARATION FOR MONETARY GRANTS, THE AWARD OF**
11 **WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE TEACHER'S CLASSROOM OR THE SCHOOL;**

12 **(5) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT;**

13 **(6) COACHING, ADVISING, OR SPONSORING EXTRACURRICULAR**
14 **ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING:**

15 **(I) AN ENTIRE GRADE;**

16 **(II) CLUBS; OR**

17 **(III) MUSIC, ART, OR THEATER PRODUCTIONS; AND**

18 **(7) SCHOOL-RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.**

19 **(C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL MONITOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND**
20 **IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION**
21 **(A) OF THIS SECTION.**

22 **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE**
23 **BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATED TEACHERS TO BE RECERTIFIED.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2013.