

SENATE BILL 825

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By: **Senator Ramirez**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Nonpublic Schools – Programs for Students With Special Needs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain nonpublic schools, in consultation with the State
4 Department of Education, to develop and implement a program for students with
5 special needs on or before a certain date; requiring the State Board of Education to
6 adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to programs
7 for students with special needs in nonpublic schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–440

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

16 **7–440.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION” HAS THE
20 MEANING STATED IN § 2–206 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (3) “NONPUBLIC SCHOOL” MEANS A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL
22 INSTITUTION THAT:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE
2 BOARD UNDER § 2-206 OF THIS ARTICLE;

3 (II) PARTICIPATES IN THE BROADENING OPTIONS AND
4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TODAY (BOOST) PROGRAM; AND

5 (III) 1. PARTICIPATES IN THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
6 TEXTBOOK AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS PROGRAM; OR

7 2. PARTICIPATES IN THE NONPUBLIC AGING SCHOOLS
8 PROGRAM.

9 (4) "STUDENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS" MEANS A STUDENT WITH A
10 DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE THAT MAY INCLUDE:

11 (I) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES;

12 (II) PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES;

13 (III) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES;

14 (IV) ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; AND

15 (V) ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

16 (B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, IN CONSULTATION
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR
18 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

19 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
20 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2017.