

SENATE BILL 1041

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Teacher Certification – Montessori Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of making an individual eligible for a certificate to teach students in a
4 Montessori school if the individual meets certain requirements; authorizing the
5 State Board of Education to require an individual to successfully pass an
6 examination to be certified under this Act; providing that, subject to a certain
7 exception, an individual that satisfies the requirements under this Act may not be
8 required to meet any additional requirements to be certified to teach students in a
9 Montessori school; prohibiting an individual certified under this Act from teaching
10 certain students under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for
11 the application of this Act; and generally relating to teacher certification for teachers
12 at Montessori schools.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 6–123

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **6–123.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “MONTESSORI SCHOOL” MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL
23 THAT USES MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

24 (B) SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION APPLY ONLY TO A

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CANDIDATE FOR A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH STUDENTS IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

2 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH STUDENTS
3 IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

4 (1) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

5 (I) ACCREDITED BY THE MONTESSORI ACCREDITATION
6 COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION; OR

7 (II) APPROVED BY THE ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI
8 INTERNATIONALE; AND

9 (2) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A CLASS, AS APPROVED BY THE
10 STATE BOARD, ON:

11 (I) SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM; AND

12 (II) INTRODUCTION TO READING CURRICULUM.

13 (D) (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO
14 SUCCESSFULLY PASS AN EXAMINATION TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
16 AN INDIVIDUAL THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
17 SECTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO MEET ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE
18 CERTIFIED TO TEACH STUDENTS IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

19 (E) AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT TEACH
20 STUDENTS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT IS NOT A MONTESSORI SCHOOL UNLESS THE
21 INDIVIDUAL MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2018.