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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License - High School Dropouts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to notify the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration, under certain circumstances, of an individual of a certain age who
5 drops out of school; requiring the Administration to determine whether the
6 individual holds a driver's license issued by this State; requiring the Administration
7 to send a letter to the individual informing the individual that it will revoke the
8 driver's license of the individual under certain circumstances; requiring the
9 Administration to revoke the individual's driver's license under certain
10 circumstances; authorizing the Administration to reinstate the driver's license of the
11 individual under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Administration from issuing
12 a driver's license to a certain individual who drops out of high school until the
13 individual is no longer a high school dropout under certain circumstances;
14 authorizing the Administration not to revoke the driver's license of, and to issue a
15 driver's license to, an individual who dropped out of school under certain
16 circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Education and the Motor Vehicle
17 Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to high school
18 dropouts and drivers' licenses.

19 BY renumbering

20 Article - Transportation
21 Section 16-206(b), (c), and (d)
22 to be Section 16-206(c), (d), and (e)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

26 Article - Education
27 Section 7-301(a)(1)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

30 BY adding to

31 Article - Education
32 Section 7-301(h)

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1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

3 BY adding to

4 Article - Transportation
5 Section 16-206(b)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-206(b), (c), and (d), respectively, of Article -
10 Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
11 16-206(c), (d), and (e), respectively.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
13 read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-301.

16 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each child who resides in
17 this State and is 5 years old or older and under 16 shall attend a public school regularly
18 during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough
19 instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to
20 children of the same age.

21 (H) (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS
22 DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

23 (I) RESIDES IN THIS STATE;

24 (II) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS;

25 (III) LEAVES SCHOOL BEFORE GRADUATION OR THE COMPLETION
26 OF A STATE-APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND

27 (IV) CANNOT DEMONSTRATE ENROLLMENT IN ANY SCHOOL OR
28 PARTICIPATION IN A STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION.

29 (2) (I) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SEND NOTICE TO
30 THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION INFORMING THE ADMINISTRATION OF
31 EACH INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD WHO HAS
32 DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.

33 (II) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SEND THE NOTICE
34 REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN 30 DAYS OF
35 THE DATE THAT IT RECEIVES NOTICE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DROPPED OUT OF
36 SCHOOL.

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1 **Article - Transportation**

2 16-206.

3 (B) (1) ON RECEIVING NOTICE FROM A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
4 UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS DROPPED
5 OUT OF SCHOOL, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL EXAMINE ITS RECORDS TO
6 DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS A DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED
7 UNDER THIS TITLE.

8 (2) (I) IF THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT WHOM THE ADMINISTRATION
9 RECEIVED A NOTICE UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE HOLDS A
10 DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAIL A
11 LETTER TO THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMING THE INDIVIDUAL THAT THE
12 ADMINISTRATION WILL REVOKE THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE UNLESS,
13 BEFORE THE CLOSE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS ON THE 20TH BUSINESS DAY
14 AFTER THE LETTER IS MAILED, THE INDIVIDUAL:

15 1. DEMONSTRATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REENROLLED IN
16 SCHOOL OR HAS BEGUN A STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION; OR

17 2. TURNS 18 YEARS OLD.

18 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REVOKE THE DRIVER'S LICENSE
19 OF THE INDIVIDUAL ON THE 21ST DAY AFTER SENDING THE LETTER UNDER
20 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT FULFILL
21 THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OR 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

22 (III) IF THE ADMINISTRATION REVOKES THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF
23 AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, IT MAY REINSTATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S
24 DRIVER'S LICENSE ONLY:

25 1. IF THE INDIVIDUAL REENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR BEGINS A
26 STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION; OR

27 2. WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS 18 YEARS OLD.

28 (3) IF THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT WHOM THE ADMINISTRATION
29 RECEIVED A NOTICE UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE DOES NOT
30 HOLD A DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY
31 NOT ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL, IF
32 OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE:

33 (I) REENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR BEGINS A STATE-APPROVED
34 PROGRAM OF EDUCATION; OR

35 (II) IS 18 YEARS OLD.

36 (4) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF
37 PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL DEMONSTRATES
38 TO THE ADMINISTRATION:

39 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEED TO BE EMPLOYED IN LIEU OF
40 ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DUE TO

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1 SERIOUS FAMILY ECONOMIC HARDSHIP CREATED BY THE ILLNESS OR DEATH OF
2 THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN; OR

3 (II) AN EXTENUATING PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCE THAT
4 PREVENTS THE APPLICANT FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL OR PARTICIPATING IN A
5 STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION.

6 (5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE
7 ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1996.