
By: Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (Departmental - Education)

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Fees for Teacher Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain law that provides for a fee for the issuance or
4 renewal of teacher certificates; and generally relating to the fees charged for
5 teacher certificates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article - Education

8 Section 6-704

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 6-704.

15 (a) (1) In accordance with Title 10, subtitle 1 of the State Government Article,
16 both the State Board and the Board shall develop for consideration rules and regulations
17 for:

18 (i) The certification of teachers and other professional personnel in
19 accordance with this Article; and

20 (ii) Requirements for preparation of teachers and other education
21 personnel.

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1 (2) Rules and regulations developed by the State Board shall be reviewed by
2 the Board.

3 (3) Rules and regulations developed by the Board shall be reviewed by the
4 State Board.

5 (4) Rules and regulations that are initiated by either the State Board or the
6 Board and submitted for review to each other shall be acted upon within 60 days of their
7 receipt by the other party.

8 (5) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the
9 Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by three-fourths of the members of the
10 State Board.

11 (6) Recommendations on rules and regulations that are initiated by the
12 State Board shall be implemented unless disapproved by the Board.

13 (7) If the rules or regulations are disapproved under paragraph (6) of this
14 subsection, the rules or regulations shall be implemented if they are approved by
15 three-fourths of the members of the State Board.

16 (8) An individual who is otherwise qualified may not be denied the right to
17 receive credentials from the Board, to receive training to become a teacher, or to practice
18 teaching in any school because that individual is totally or partially blind.

19 (9) A county board may not refuse to contract with or engage a teacher
20 because of blindness if the blind teacher is capable of performing the duties of the
21 position for which he has applied.

22 (10) The right of a school psychologist, who is certified by the board to
23 practice school psychology consistent with the provisions of that certification, may not be
24 limited by Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article with respect to the practice of
25 school psychology in an educational institution.

26 (b) The Board may establish a fee, not to exceed [§10] \$50, for issuance or
27 renewal of a teacher certificate. The Board may not require a fee:

28 (1) For the addition of any new area of certification to a currently valid
29 certificate; or

30 (2) Except for the fee authorized under this subsection, for the evaluation of
31 credentials for the certification of teachers.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 1996.

