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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Public Schools - Educational Assistants and Paraprofessional**
3 **Employees - Licensing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring educational assistants and paraprofessional employees who
5 work in the public schools in Baltimore City to be licensed; requiring the State
6 Board of Education and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City to
7 review the recommendations of the 1996 Paraprofessional Task Force and refine
8 the recommendations for appropriateness as the Rules and Regulations for
9 Training, Examining, and Licensing Educational Assistants and Paraprofessional
10 Employees in the Baltimore City Public Schools; requiring the State Board of
11 Education to adopt as regulations the Rules and Regulations for Training,
12 Examining, and Licensing Educational Assistants and Paraprofessional Employees
13 in the Baltimore City Public Schools; requiring the State Board of Education, with
14 the advice and assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the
15 Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, to develop and administer a
16 program of instruction for individuals to be licensed under this Act; and generally
17 relating to licensing educational assistants and paraprofessional employees who
18 work in the public schools in Baltimore City.

19 BY adding to

20 Article - Education
21 Section 6-201(h)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

26 **Article - Education**

27 6-201.

28 (H) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW,
29 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFSSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN
30 THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BALTIMORE CITY IN CLASSROOMS OR WITH STUDENTS
31 SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
32 SUBSECTION.

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1 (2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1998, THE STATE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF
2 SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL:

3 (I) REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1996
4 PARAPROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TO STUDY AND MAKE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LICENSURE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND
6 PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC
7 SCHOOLS OF THE STATE; AND

8 (II) REFINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1996
9 PARAPROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE FOR APPROPRIATENESS AS THE RULES AND
10 REGULATIONS FOR TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND LICENSING EDUCATIONAL
11 ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS.

13 (3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT AS REGULATIONS THE RULES AND
14 REGULATIONS FOR TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND LICENSING EDUCATIONAL
15 ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC
16 SCHOOLS.

17 (4) BEFORE JULY 1, 1999, THE STATE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE AND
18 ASSISTANCE OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE
19 BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY, SHALL DEVELOP AND
20 ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BE LICENSED
21 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 1997.