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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Obtaining a High School Diploma by Examination**

3 FOR the purpose of broadening the authority of the State Board of Education to exempt
4 certain students from a certain requirement relating to obtaining a high school
5 diploma by examination.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article - Education

8 Section 7-206

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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 7-206.

15 (a) An individual may obtain a high school diploma by examination as provided in
16 this section if the individual:

17 (1) Has not obtained a high school certificate or diploma;

18 (2) Has resided in this State or on a federal reservation in this State for at
19 least 3 months, except that the State Board may waive this residence requirement if the
20 State Board considers the waiver justified;

21 (3) Is 16 years old or older; and

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1 (4) Has withdrawn from a regular full-time public or private school program
2 for at least 3 months, except that the State Board may waive the 3-month withdrawal
3 requirement [for a student enrolled in the Paquin School in Baltimore City] if the State
4 Board considers the waiver justified.

5 (b) The State Board shall examine individuals for a high school diploma at least
6 twice each year at places throughout this State that are reasonably convenient for the
7 applicants.

8 (c) The examination shall:

9 (1) Be offered in appropriate high school subject areas; and

10 (2) Be of a comprehensive nature as determined by the State Board.

11 (d) An individual who fails an examination may take retests.

12 (e) A member of the armed forces may earn the Maryland high school diploma by
13 taking the examinations furnished by the United States Armed Forces Institute and given
14 by the appropriate service officer.

15 (f) The diploma shall be awarded in accordance with the rules and regulations
16 adopted by the State Board.

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