

HOUSE BILL 733

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ENROLLED BILL

-- *Ways and Means/Economic and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation* --

Introduced by **Delegate Rawlings**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education Institutions - Teacher Training Programs - Accreditation**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain institutions of higher education in the
4 State that offer teacher training programs be certified by a certain ~~organization~~
5 organizations in a certain manner by a certain date; providing for certain
6 exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Education to develop and
7 administer a program of technical assistance in connection with the
8 accreditation program; requiring the Department to pay certain fees in
9 connection with the accreditation program; requiring the Department to adopt
10 certain regulations in connection with the accreditation program; requiring the
11 Governor to provide certain funds in the Department's annual budget; and
12 generally relating to an accreditation program for institutions of higher
13 education in the State that offer teacher training programs.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Education
16 Section 11-208

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

5 **Article - Education**

6 11-208.

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "~~NATIONAL COUNCIL~~" ~~MEANS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~
8 ~~FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION~~ ACCREDITATION" MEANS TEACHER
9 EDUCATION ACCREDITATION BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S.
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ENDORSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

11 (B) (1) AFTER JULY 1, 2004, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
12 THIS STATE MAY NOT OFFER A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE
13 STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY A RECIPIENT TO TEACH UNLESS THE INSTITUTION
14 ~~IS ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ HAS RECEIVED:

15 (I) NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; OR

16 (II) A WAIVER UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 (2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT MAY GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE
18 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS TO:

19 (I) ANY LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE WITH A FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
20 ENROLLMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS; AND

21 (II) ANY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OF
22 FINE ARTS SPECIALIZING IN MUSIC OR ART.

23 (C) (1) BY JULY 1, 2000, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
24 STATE THAT OFFERS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDIES
25 THAT WOULD CERTIFY A RECIPIENT TO TEACH MUST:

26 (I) FILE ITS INTENT TO SEEK NATIONAL ACCREDITATION ~~BY THE~~
27 ~~NATIONAL COUNCIL; OR;~~

28 (II) CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT ~~IS FULLY ACCREDITED~~
29 ~~BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.~~ HAS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; OR

30 (III) HAVE RECEIVED A WAIVER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS
31 SECTION.

32 (2) THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
33 EDUCATION SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE
34 WITH THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ A NATIONALLY
35 RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING AGENCY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

1 (D) (1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ ACCREDITING
2 AGENCIES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF
3 TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
4 STATE THAT SEEK ACCREDITATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO AN
6 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY:

8 (I) ANY FEE THAT ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING
9 AGENCY CHARGES AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH
10 THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS;

11 (II) ANY TRAINING FEE THAT ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN
12 ACCREDITING AGENCY CHARGES A STATE REPRESENTATIVE WHO SERVES WITH A
13 REVIEW TEAM OF ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING AGENCY IN
14 CONJUNCTION WITH AN ACCREDITATION VISIT TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
15 EDUCATION IN THE STATE; AND

16 (III) ONE-HALF OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY AN INSTITUTION
17 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCREDITATION VISIT OF A
18 REVIEW TEAM OF ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING AGENCY.

19 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
20 SECTION.

21 (F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE
22 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1998.