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A BILL ENTITLED

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 in a certain manner by a certain date; requiring the Maryland Department of  
6 Education to develop and administer a program of technical assistance in  
7 connection with the accreditation program; requiring the Department to pay  
8 certain fees in connection with the accreditation program; requiring the  
9 Department to adopt certain regulations in connection with the accreditation  
10 program; and generally relating to an accreditation program for institutions of  
11 higher education in the State that offer teacher training programs.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Education

14 Section 11-208

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 11-208.

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NATIONAL COUNCIL" MEANS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
22 FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION.

23 (B) AFTER JULY 1, 2004, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS  
24 STATE MAY NOT OFFER A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDIES  
25 THAT WOULD CERTIFY A RECIPIENT TO TEACH UNLESS THE INSTITUTION IS  
26 ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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

4 (I) FILE ITS INTENT TO SEEK ACCREDITATION BY THE NATIONAL  
5 COUNCIL; OR

6 (II) CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS FULLY ACCREDITED  
7 BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

8 (2) THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE  
10 WITH THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE  
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 (D) (1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST  
14 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT SEEK ACCREDITATION  
15 UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

19 (I) ANY FEE THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL CHARGES AN  
20 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCREDITATION  
21 PROCESS;

22 (II) ANY TRAINING FEE THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL CHARGES A  
23 STATE REPRESENTATIVE WHO SERVES WITH A REVIEW TEAM OF THE NATIONAL  
24 COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ACCREDITATION VISIT TO AN INSTITUTION OF  
25 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; AND

26 (III) ONE-HALF OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY AN INSTITUTION  
27 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCREDITATION VISIT OF A  
28 REVIEW TEAM OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

29 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
30 SECTION.

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