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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
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 11-208.

3 (A) ~~IN THIS SECTION, "NATIONAL COUNCIL" MEANS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~
4 ~~FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION~~ ACCREDITATION" MEANS TEACHER
5 EDUCATION ACCREDITATION BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S.
6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ENDORSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

11 (I) NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; OR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (III) HAVE RECEIVED A WAIVER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS
27 SECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
16 SECTION.

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

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