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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the New Baltimore City Board of School
5 Commissioners to require the licensure of educational assistants and
6 paraprofessional employees who work in the public schools in Baltimore City;
7 providing that the State Board of Education shall license the educational
8 assistants and paraprofessional employees if required to be licensed; requiring
9 the State Board of Education and the New Baltimore City Board of School
10 Commissioners to review the recommendations of the 1996 Paraprofessional
11 Task Force and refine the recommendations for appropriateness as the rules
12 and regulations for training, examining, and licensing educational assistants
13 and paraprofessional employees in the Baltimore City public schools; requiring
14 the State Board of Education to adopt as regulations the rules and regulations
15 for training, examining, and licensing educational assistants and
16 paraprofessional employees in the Baltimore City public schools; requiring the
17 State Board of Education, with the advice and assistance of the Maryland
18 Higher Education Commission and the New Baltimore City Board of School
19 Commissioners to develop and administer a program of instruction for
20 individuals to be licensed under this Act; and generally relating to licensing
21 educational assistants and paraprofessional employees who work in the public
22 schools in Baltimore City.

23 BY adding to
24 Article - Education
25 Section 6-201(h)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Education

2 6-201.

3 (H) (1) THE NEW BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
4 MAY REQUIRE THE LICENSURE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND
5 PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF
6 BALTIMORE CITY IN CLASSROOMS OR WITH STUDENTS.

7 (2) IF REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
9 WHO WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BALTIMORE CITY IN CLASSROOMS OR WITH
10 STUDENTS SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
11 SUBSECTION.

12 (3) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1999, THE STATE BOARD AND THE NEW
13 BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

14 (I) REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1996
15 PARAPROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TO STUDY AND MAKE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LICENSURE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND
17 PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC
18 SCHOOLS OF THE STATE; AND

19 (II) REFINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1996
20 PARAPROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE FOR APPROPRIATENESS AS THE RULES AND
21 REGULATIONS FOR TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND LICENSING EDUCATIONAL
22 ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC
23 SCHOOLS.

24 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT AS REGULATIONS THE RULES AND
25 REGULATIONS FOR TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND LICENSING EDUCATIONAL
26 ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC
27 SCHOOLS.

28 (5) BEFORE JULY 1, 2000, THE STATE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE AND
29 ASSISTANCE OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE NEW
30 BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, SHALL DEVELOP AND
31 ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BE LICENSED
32 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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