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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Student Teachers and Interns - Criminal Background Disclosure Form**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain student teachers and student interns to
4 complete a certain criminal background disclosure form before entering a field
5 placement in a school setting; and generally relating to student teachers and
6 student interns.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 6-107
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 6-107.

16 (a) A county board may make an agreement or financial arrangement with an
17 institution of higher education that satisfies the conditions of § 11-202 of this article,
18 to provide classroom or administrative office experience for student teachers and
19 student interns.

20 (b) The institution of higher education and the county board where the
21 student teaching center program is adopted shall:

22 (1) Approve or select jointly the supervising teachers, who are employees
23 of the county board, to serve in the program; and

24 (2) Adopt an agreed, continuing, in-service improvement program for
25 the supervising teachers.

1 (c) (1) While the student teacher is assigned as a student teacher, he shall
2 be given the same authority as if he were a certificated employee of the county board
3 to which he is assigned.

4 (2) The authority of the student teacher extends to:

5 (i) Every aspect of student management or discipline;

6 (ii) The handling of records of students; and

7 (iii) Any other aspect of authority granted to a certificated employee
8 of a county board.

9 (d) Student teachers and student interns are considered agents of the county
10 board for the limited purposes of:

11 (1) Comprehensive liability insurance coverage under § 4-105 of this
12 article; and

13 (2) Workers' compensation coverage under the Maryland Workers'
14 Compensation Act, but this coverage is not to exceed the salary of a first year teacher
15 in the county school system.

16 (E) ALL STUDENT TEACHERS AND STUDENT INTERNS IN MARYLAND
17 PREPARING FOR A PROFESSION IN EDUCATION WHOSE PROGRAM OF STUDY
18 REQUIRES CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE IN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL (PRE-K
19 THROUGH GRADE 12) SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
20 DISCLOSURE FORM OBTAINED THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
21 BEFORE ENTERING A FIELD PLACEMENT IN A SCHOOL SETTING.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1999.