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CHAPTER _____

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 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2000.