
By: **Senator Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Required Use of Teacher Assistants**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to use teacher assistants in
4 certain grades; establishing the duties of a teacher assistant; establishing limits
5 on the duties of a teacher assistant; establishing certain qualifications for a
6 teacher assistant; prohibiting a teacher assistant from working in a class under
7 certain circumstances; requiring county superintendents of schools to adopt
8 certain guidelines; and generally relating to requiring teacher assistants in
9 classes in certain grades.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 6-107.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 6-107.1.

19 (A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL USE TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN ALL CLASSES AND
20 FOR ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3 IN THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

22 (B) (1) A TEACHER ASSISTANT SHALL ASSIST A CERTIFICATED TEACHER IN
23 THE DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS OF THE TEACHER.

24 (2) A TEACHER ASSISTANT MAY NOT:

25 (I) WORK WITHOUT SUPERVISION BY A CERTIFICATED TEACHER;
26 OR

27 (II) SUPPLANT A CERTIFICATED TEACHER.

1 (C) A TEACHER ASSISTANT SHALL BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HOLD A
2 GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA.

3 (D) A TEACHER ASSISTANT MAY NOT WORK IN A CLASS IF THE TEACHER
4 ASSISTANT IS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT IN THE CLASS.

5 (E) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE USE
6 OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3 IN THE PUBLIC
7 SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2000.