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By: **Delegate Boschert**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teachers - Second Career Teacher Certification Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Second Career Teacher Certification Program;  
4 providing for a certification course for retired professionals who wish to reenter  
5 the workforce as teachers; requiring a person who attends the course to hold an  
6 undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education;  
7 requiring a person who attends the course to have worked for at least a certain  
8 number of years in a position that requires an undergraduate degree; requiring  
9 that the course be completed in a certain number of weeks; and generally  
10 relating to teacher certification.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Education

13 Section 6-115

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 6-115.

20 (A) THERE IS A SECOND CAREER TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

21 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION  
22 COURSE FOR RETIRED PROFESSIONALS WHO SEEK TO REENTER THE WORKFORCE AS  
23 TEACHERS. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL BOARDS  
24 THAT ARE EXPERIENCING TEACHER SHORTAGES.

25 (C) (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CERTIFICATION COURSE, A PERSON MUST:

26 (I) HOLD AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE, IN ANY FIELD OF STUDY,  
27 FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

1 (II) HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS IN A POSITION  
2 THAT REQUIRES AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE.

3 (2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MAKE THE FINAL  
4 DETERMINATION REGARDING AN APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR THE  
5 CERTIFICATION COURSE.

6 (D) THE CERTIFICATION COURSE SHALL BE COMPLETED IN 6 WEEKS. UPON  
7 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS THE  
8 STATE SUPERINTENDENT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, THE APPLICANT SHALL  
9 RECEIVE A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

10 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE  
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 June 1, 2001.