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By: **Delegate Boschert**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Teacher Certification for Retired Professionals**  
3 **Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain pilot program in Anne Arundel County for  
5 teacher certification for retired professionals; requiring that Anne Arundel  
6 Community College and Anne Arundel County Public Schools jointly administer  
7 the program; requiring that Anne Arundel Community College and Anne  
8 Arundel County Public Schools develop certain standards and requirements for  
9 the program; defining a certain term; dividing the program into certain tracks;  
10 providing certain credit requirements for each track of the program; authorizing  
11 participants to request a waiver of certain requirements under certain  
12 circumstances; authorizing Anne Arundel Community College to establish  
13 certain prerequisites; requiring the Anne Arundel County Public Schools to  
14 recommend a participant to the State Department of Education for Professional  
15 Teacher Certification when the participant has successfully completed the  
16 program requirements; requiring Anne Arundel Community College and Anne  
17 Arundel County Public Schools to report to the General Assembly on or before a  
18 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
19 a pilot program for teacher certification in Anne Arundel County.

20 BY adding to  
21 Article - Education  
22 Section 6-115  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Education**

2 6-115.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "RETIRED PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO,  
4 BEFORE RETIRING, WAS EMPLOYED IN A PROFESSION FOR AT LEAST:

5 (1) 15 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE; OR

6 (2) 20 YEARS OF NONCONTINUOUS SERVICE.

7 (B) THERE IS A TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR RETIRED PROFESSIONALS  
8 PILOT PROGRAM IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

9 (C) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FACILITATE THE TEACHER  
10 CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR RETIRED PROFESSIONALS WHO SEEK TO REENTER  
11 THE WORKFORCE AS TEACHERS.

12 (2) UNDER THE PROGRAM, ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY  
13 PROVIDE THE REQUISITE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK AND CLINICAL  
14 PRACTICE FOR OBTAINING THE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER  
15 CERTIFICATION.

16 (3) THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE INCREASING  
17 SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

18 (D) (1) ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ANNE ARUNDEL  
19 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

20 (2) ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ANNE ARUNDEL  
21 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL DEVELOP ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AND OTHER  
22 RULES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE  
23 WITH CURRENT STATE REGULATIONS RELATING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

24 (E) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO TRACKS:

25 (1) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION; AND

26 (2) SECONDARY EDUCATION.

27 (F) (1) THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TRACK SHALL BE DESIGNED TO  
28 PREPARE RETIRED PROFESSIONALS TO TEACH STUDENTS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH  
29 SIX AND MIDDLE SCHOOL.

30 (2) (I) THE CREDIT REQUIREMENT FOR THIS TRACK IS 39 CREDITS,  
31 INCLUDING CLINICAL PRACTICE.

32 (II) 1. A PARTICIPANT WHO IS EMPLOYED OR BECOMES  
33 EMPLOYED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A CLASSROOM  
34 TEACHER PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM MAY REQUEST A WAIVER OF  
35 THE CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.

