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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Resident Teacher Corps Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Resident Teacher Corps Pilot Program; providing
4 for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the State Board of Education to
5 award certain certificates to certain applicants that meet certain criteria;
6 requiring the State Board to submit a certain report containing certain
7 information to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date;
8 defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
9 relating to the Resident Teacher Corps Pilot Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education
12 Section 6-115
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 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 6-115.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

21 (1) "FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE" MEANS A PERIOD OF NOT LESS
22 THAN 9 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AS THE RESPONSIBLE TEACHER IN A CLASSROOM
23 UNDER AN APPOINTMENT REQUIRING SERVICE FOR 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE
24 SCHOOL DAY DURING 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

25 (2) "PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE" MEANS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL
26 CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

1 (3) "RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE" MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED
2 TO AN APPLICANT HOLDING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BUT NOT MEETING THE
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

4 (4) "SATISFACTORY TEACHING PERFORMANCE" MEANS EXPERIENCE AS
5 A TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR WHICH THE OVERALL EVALUATION RATING IS
6 SATISFACTORY OR BETTER.

7 (5) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

8 (B) THERE IS A RESIDENT TEACHER CORPS PILOT PROGRAM.

9 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE:

10 (1) AN ALTERNATE ROUTE INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION;

11 (2) GREATER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROFESSIONALS MAKING
12 CAREER CHANGES; AND

13 (3) PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE FLEXIBILITY TO HIRE
14 PROFESSIONALS MAKING CAREER CHANGES.

15 (D) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL AWARD A RESIDENT TEACHER
16 CERTIFICATE FOR EITHER ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO AN
17 APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

18 (I) HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED
19 INSTITUTION, OR A HIGHER DEGREE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
20 FOLLOWING THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, WITH A CONCENTRATION IN A DISCIPLINE
21 APPROPRIATE TO THE ASSIGNMENT IN THE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL
22 CURRICULUM; AND

23 (II) PRESENTS QUALIFYING SCORES ON THE BASIC SKILLS AND
24 REQUIRED CONTENT OR SUBJECT MATTER TEACHER CERTIFICATION TESTS
25 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

26 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL AWARD A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE
27 FOR EITHER ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO AN APPLICANT WHO
28 MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

29 (I) HAS A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE;

30 (II) HAS A MINIMUM OF 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS WORK EXPERIENCE
31 AT A FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
32 SYSTEM;

33 (III) ACHIEVES A SATISFACTORY TEACHING PERFORMANCE RATING
34 FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
35 SYSTEM; AND

1 (IV) PRESENTS A QUALIFYING SCORE ON THE PEDAGOGY TEACHER
2 CERTIFICATION TEST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

3 (E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH,
4 AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS
5 COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2006, IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ASSESSING THE
7 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

8 (1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED RESIDENT TEACHER
9 CERTIFICATES AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM;

10 (2) A COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS TEACHING IN THE
11 MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR BEFORE INDIVIDUALS WERE
12 AWARDED CERTIFICATES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM AND FOR THE FIRST YEAR
13 AFTER THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

14 (3) INFORMATION DETAILING:

15 (I) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING
16 SURVEY DATA FROM PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

17 (II) WHERE PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CHOSE TO TEACH; AND

18 (III) THE RETENTION RATE OF INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED UNDER THE
19 PILOT PROGRAM.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June
22 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.