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

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 6-116  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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 6-116.

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) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE RESIDENT TEACHER CORPS PILOT  
26 PROGRAM.

27 (3) "PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE" MEANS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL  
28 CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

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

4 (5) "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 (B) THERE IS A RESIDENT TEACHER CORPS PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS:

9 (1) TO ATTRACT HIGH QUALITY CAREER-CHANGERS TO THE TEACHING  
10 PROFESSION IN ORDER TO CURTAIL THE STATE'S TEACHER SHORTAGE;

11 (2) TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE INTO THE TEACHING  
12 PROFESSION;

13 (3) TO PROVIDE GREATER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES TO  
14 PROFESSIONALS MAKING CAREER CHANGES; AND

15 (4) TO CREATE MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
16 SEEKING TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS MAKING CAREER CHANGES.

17 (D) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL AWARD A RESIDENT TEACHER  
18 CERTIFICATE FOR EITHER ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO AN  
19 APPLICANT WHO:

20 (I) HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER DEGREE FROM A  
21 REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

22 (II) HOLDS A CONCENTRATION IN A DISCIPLINE APPROPRIATE TO  
23 THE ASSIGNMENT, AS SPECIFIED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT IN THE  
24 ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM;

25 (III) HAS ATTAINED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.75 ON  
26 A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF  
27 HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

28 (IV) PRESENTS QUALIFYING SCORES ON THE BASIC SKILLS AND  
29 REQUIRED CONTENT OR SUBJECT MATTER TEACHER CERTIFICATION TESTS  
30 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

31 (2) A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 2 YEARS.

32 (E) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL AWARD A PROFESSIONAL  
33 CERTIFICATE FOR EITHER ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO AN  
34 APPLICANT WHO:

35 (1) HOLDS A VALID RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE;

1 (2) HAS ACCRUED A MINIMUM OF 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS' WORK  
2 EXPERIENCE AT A FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

3 (3) HAS ACHIEVED A SATISFACTORY TEACHING PERFORMANCE RATING  
4 FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND

5 (4) PRESENTS A QUALIFYING SCORE ON THE PEDAGOGY TEACHER  
6 CERTIFICATION TEST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

7 (F) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE  
8 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE  
9 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
10 § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
11 THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

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

14 (2) A COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS TEACHING IN THE  
15 PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE INDIVIDUALS WERE AWARDED  
16 CERTIFICATES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM AND FOR THE FIRST YEAR AFTER THE  
17 PILOT PROGRAM; AND

18 (3) INFORMATION REGARDING:

19 (I) SURVEY DATA COLLECTED FROM PILOT PROGRAM  
20 PARTICIPANTS;

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

22 (III) THE RETENTION RATE OF INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED UNDER THE  
23 PILOT PROGRAM.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June  
26 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.