

SENATE BILL 151

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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.

1 (3) "PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE" MEANS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL
2 CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (2) TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE INTO THE TEACHING
14 PROFESSION;

15 (3) TO PROVIDE GREATER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES TO
16 PROFESSIONALS MAKING CAREER CHANGES; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (1) HOLDS A VALID RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE;

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (3) INFORMATION REGARDING:

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

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

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

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