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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations - Security Guards - Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the standards set by the Secretary of State Police
4 for the certification of security guards include a requirement that an individual
5 complete a certain level of training; requiring certain education and training to
6 be provided by certain private career schools or other organizations approved by
7 the Secretary; authorizing the Secretary to waive certain requirements under
8 certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
9 make certain private career schools eligible for grants under a certain program;
10 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to security guard
11 training and certification.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
14 Section 19-402
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

20 19-402.

21 (a) To qualify for certification as a security guard, an individual shall:

22 (1) meet the standards set by the Secretary;

23 (2) be an employee of or an applicant for employment with a licensed
24 security guard agency;

25 (3) be of good moral character and reputation;

1 (4) submit to the licensed security guard agency, for forwarding to the
2 Secretary:

- 3 (i) a sworn application on the form the Secretary provides;
- 4 (ii) the fingerprints required under § 19-304(c) of this title; and
- 5 (iii) a nonrefundable application fee of \$15; and

6 (5) pay to the licensed security guard agency, for forwarding to the
7 Secretary, the fees authorized under § 19-304(c) of this title.

8 (B) (1) THE STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)
9 OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL
10 COMPLETE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PRESCRIBED BY THE
11 SECRETARY AT:

12 (I) A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL; OR

13 (II) AN ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.

14 (2) THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE
15 WAIVED BY THE SECRETARY BASED ON EXPERIENCE OR OTHER EXTENUATING
16 CIRCUMSTANCES.

17 [(b)] (C) On receipt from an applicant for certification as a security guard, a
18 licensed security guard agency shall forward to the Secretary the applicant's
19 application form, fingerprint cards, and criminal history records check fees.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Higher
21 Education Commission shall include a private career school that provides security
22 guard training under §19-402 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article as
23 an eligible school under the Private Career School Student Grant Program
24 administered under Title 18, Subtitle 12 of the Education Article.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the requirements of this
26 Act shall be applicable to all security guard certifications issued on or after July 1,
27 2006.

28 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2005.