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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax Credit for Graduate Level Education - Nonpublic School**
3 **Teachers**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing teachers in certain nonpublic schools to claim a credit
5 against the State income tax under certain circumstances for up to a certain
6 amount of tuition paid by the teacher for certain graduate level education;
7 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax
8 credit for tuition paid for certain graduate level education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Tax - General
11 Section 10-717
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Tax - General**

17 10-717.

18 (a) An individual who is a classroom teacher holding a standard professional
19 certificate or an advanced professional certificate may claim a credit against the
20 State income tax for up to \$1,500 of tuition paid by the individual during the taxable
21 year for graduate level courses required to maintain certification if the individual:

22 (1) successfully completes the courses with a grade of B or better;

23 (2) is employed by a county board of education OR A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
24 THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE OR IS REGISTERED
25 WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1 (3) teaches in a public OR NONPUBLIC school and receives a satisfactory
2 performance evaluation for that teaching; and

3 (4) has not been reimbursed by the county OR, IN THE CASE OF A
4 TEACHER EMPLOYED BY A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, BY THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL for the
5 tuition paid.

6 (b) (1) If a county OR A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR OTHER ENTITY partially
7 reimburses an individual for tuition paid, the individual may claim a tax credit
8 allowed under this section for the balance of the tuition not paid by the county OR THE
9 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR OTHER ENTITY.

10 (2) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the State
11 income tax for that taxable year, calculated before the application of the credits
12 allowed under this section and §§ 10-701 and 10-701.1 of this subtitle but after the
13 application of the other credits allowable under this subtitle.

14 (3) The unused amount of the credit for any taxable year may not be
15 carried over to any other taxable year.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31,
18 2005.