

## CHAPTER 289

(House Bill 652)

AN ACT concerning

### **Education – Public School Employees – Criminal Convictions**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board of education from knowingly hiring or retaining certain employees who have been convicted of certain crimes; and generally relating to the employment of individuals convicted of qualifying crimes in Maryland public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 6–113  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Education**

6–113.

[The State Board shall adopt regulations that prohibit a county board from knowingly hiring, as a noncertificated employee,] **A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT KNOWINGLY HIRE OR RETAIN** any individual who has been convicted of a crime involving:

- (1) An offense under § 3–307 of the Criminal Law Article;
- (2) Child sexual abuse under § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would constitute child sexual abuse under § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State; or
- (3) A crime of violence as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would be a violation of § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.**