

CHAPTER 451

(Senate Bill 773)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Adult Education and Family Literacy Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to compile a certain list by county of adult education and family literacy services offered to the public; requiring the Department to distribute the list to certain local school officials and to post the list on its public website; and generally relating to the compilation and distribution of information about adult education and family literacy services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–218
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

5–218.

(a) (1) The Department shall distribute competitive grants for adult education and literacy services in accordance with the State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy.

(2) The grants distributed under this section shall be based on need and performance.

(3) Grants under this section may be used for adult education and literacy services, including:

- (i) GED instruction;
- (ii) The Maryland Adult External High School Program under § 7–205.1 of this article;
- (iii) English for Speakers of Other Languages;

- (iv) Family literacy; and
- (v) Basic skills and literacy instruction.

(B) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) COMPILE A LIST BY COUNTY OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC;

(2) DISTRIBUTE THE LIST TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

(3) POST THE LIST ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE.

[(b)] (C) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, funding for the competitive grants under this section shall be as provided in the State budget.

(2) (i) In fiscal year 2007, the Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget equal to an increase of \$1,500,000 over the fiscal year 2005 appropriation for the Department to distribute as Literacy Works grants in order to reduce the waiting list for adult education and literacy services to the extent possible.

(ii) In fiscal year 2008, the Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget equal to an increase of \$1,500,000 over the fiscal year 2007 appropriation for the Department to distribute as Literacy Works grants for adult education and literacy services.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.