

SENATE BILL 58

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Adult Education and Literacy Services – High School Diploma by**
3 **Examination – Eligibility Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain minimum period of residency requirement for
5 individuals who reside in Maryland and are seeking to obtain a high school
6 diploma by examination; repealing a certain provision, rendered obsolete by this
7 Act, relating to waivers of the minimum residency requirement; and generally
8 relating to the requirements an individual must meet to obtain a high school
9 diploma by examination.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Labor and Employment
12 Section 11–808
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Labor and Employment**

18 11–808.

19 (a) An individual may obtain a high school diploma by examination as
20 provided in this section if the individual:

21 (1) has not obtained a high school diploma;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) [has resided in this State or on a federal reservation] **RESIDES** in
2 this State [for at least 3 months, provided that the Secretary may waive the residence
3 requirement if the Secretary considers the waiver justified];

4 (3) is 16 years old or older; and

5 (4) has withdrawn from a regular full-time public or private school
6 program.

7 (b) The Department shall offer examinations to individuals who are pursuing
8 a high school diploma under this subtitle at least twice each year at places throughout
9 the State that are reasonably convenient for the applicants.

10 (c) The examination shall:

11 (1) be offered in appropriate high school subject areas; and

12 (2) be of a comprehensive nature as determined by the State Board of
13 Education.

14 (d) An individual who fails an examination may repeat taking the
15 examination.

16 (e) A member of the armed forces may earn a Maryland high school diploma
17 by taking the examinations furnished by the United States Armed Forces Institute
18 and given by the appropriate service officer.

19 (f) The diploma shall be awarded in accordance with the regulations adopted
20 by the Secretary and the State Board of Education.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2013.