

# SENATE BILL 125

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

Requested: October 29, 2013

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State-Aided Educational Institutions – Qualification Criteria**

3 FOR the purpose of updating the information required in the documentation  
4 supporting an application for qualification as a State-aided educational  
5 institution; updating the criteria on which the State Superintendent of Schools  
6 must review and comment regarding a list of qualified State-aided educational  
7 institutions; and generally relating to the qualification criteria for State-aided  
8 educational institutions.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 5-501(b) and 5-504  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 5-501.

18 (b) To qualify as a State-aided educational institution, an educational  
19 institution shall submit to the Department the following documentation:

20 (1) The names of the members of an independent governing board for  
21 the institution;

22 (2) Proof of status as a nonprofit organization;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (3) A copy of the most recent independent annual audit or copies of the  
2 most recent internally generated financial statements until the annual audit is  
3 available;

4                   (4) A detailed operating budget that:

5                           (i) For an educational institution other than the Baltimore Zoo,  
6 indicates that less than 50% of the operating budget comes from State grants;

7                           (ii) Specifies all sources of income, including grants received,  
8 names of granting agencies, and the amount of each grant; and

9                           (iii) Specifies all expenditures;

10                   (5) Plans for the use of any grant funds that may be awarded by the  
11 State-aided educational institutions grants programs;

12                   (6) Evidence of the provision of a direct service to Maryland school  
13 groups or to individuals with disabilities, including:

14                           (i) Data on age levels of students to be served;

15                           (ii) Data on the projected number of students and teachers to be  
16 served both statewide and by local jurisdiction; and

17                           (iii) Plans of the institution to [support the goals of the  
18 Maryland Schools for Success Program and the Maryland School Performance  
19 Program] **ALIGN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTION WITH THE**  
20 **EDUCATIONAL AND CURRICULAR PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT;** and

21                   (7) Evidence of liability insurance coverage.

22 5-504.

23                   The State Superintendent shall:

24                           (1) Review and comment on the institutions on the list of qualified  
25 institutions and the extent and manner in which each would [forward the goals of the  
26 Maryland Schools for Success Program and the Maryland School Performance  
27 Program] **ALIGN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTION WITH THE**  
28 **EDUCATIONAL AND CURRICULAR PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT;** and

29                           (2) Present the list of qualified institutions and comments on each  
30 institution to the State Board at the July meeting for review and comment by the  
31 Board at the August meeting.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2014.