

# HOUSE BILL 467

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By: **Delegate Ivey**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Teacher Certification – Montessori Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of making an individual eligible for a certificate to teach students in a  
4 Montessori school if the individual meets certain requirements; authorizing the  
5 State Board of Education to require an individual to successfully pass an  
6 examination to be certified under this Act; providing that an individual who satisfies  
7 the requirements under this Act may not be required to meet any additional  
8 requirements to be certified to teach students in a Montessori school; prohibiting an  
9 individual certified under this Act from teaching students in a certain school under  
10 certain circumstances; and generally relating to teacher certification for teachers at  
11 Montessori schools.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 6–127  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **6–127.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "MONTESSORI SCHOOL" MEANS:

2 (1) A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT USES MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS  
3 PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION; OR

4 (2) A MONTESSORI SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

5 (B) SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION APPLY ONLY TO A  
6 CANDIDATE FOR A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH STUDENTS IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

7 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH STUDENTS  
8 IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

9 (1) HOLDS A VALID CREDENTIAL FROM:

10 (i) THE AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY;

11 (ii) THE ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE; OR

12 (iii) A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE MONTESSORI  
13 ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION; AND

14 (2) HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ANY FIELD.

15 (D) (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO  
16 SUCCESSFULLY PASS AN EXAMINATION TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION.

17 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
18 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS  
19 SECTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO MEET ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE  
20 CERTIFIED TO TEACH STUDENTS IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

21 (E) AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT TEACH  
22 STUDENTS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT IS NOT A MONTESSORI SCHOOL UNLESS THE  
23 INDIVIDUAL MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2022.