

Chapter 201

(House Bill 467)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Teacher Certification – Montessori Schools

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

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 6–127

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

6–127.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MONTESSORI SCHOOL” MEANS:

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

(2) A MONTESSORI SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

(1) HOLDS A VALID CREDENTIAL FROM:

(I) THE AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY;

(II) THE ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE; OR

(III) A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE MONTESSORI ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION; AND

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.