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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions**

3 [TAG ftpo]FOR the purpose of altering the ~~circumstances under which~~ educational standards that
4 inmates ~~shall be~~ are required to meet ~~certain educational standards~~ under certain
5 regulations adopted by the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional
6 Institutions; ~~expanding the application of the regulations to certain inmates~~
7 requiring, under the regulations, certain inmates to participate in a certain
8 education program for a certain period of time or a vocational training program;
9 extending the period of time for which certain inmates are required to participate in
10 a certain education program under the regulations; ~~requiring certain inmates to~~
11 ~~participate in a vocational training program;~~ making a ~~conforming~~ technical change;
12 altering the application of the regulations; providing for the effective date of this
13 Act; and generally relating to the duties of the Education Coordinating Council for
14 Correctional Institutions.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article - Education

17 Section 22-102

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

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1 **Article - Education**

2 22-102.

3 (a) The Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions shall
4 develop and recommend an educational program for each correctional institution in the
5 Division of Correction. The programs shall meet the special needs and circumstances of
6 the inmates in the institution.

7 (b) (1) The Council shall adopt regulations for all correctional institutions in
8 the Division of Correction for the implementation of a mandatory education program for
9 all inmates who fail to attain a minimum educational standard as set forth in this
10 subsection.

11 (2) The regulations adopted by the Council shall require that:

12 (i) ~~1. In [1988,] 1996, the~~ THE educational standard shall be the
13 [6th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)]
14 ATTAINMENT OF A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (G.E.D.) OR A VERIFIED HIGH
15 SCHOOL DIPLOMA;

16 ~~2. In [1989,] 1997, the minimum educational standard shall be~~
17 ~~the 7th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE); and~~

18 ~~3. In [1990] 1998 and thereafter, the minimum educational~~
19 ~~standard shall be the 8th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic~~
20 ~~Education (TABE);~~

21 (ii) The regulations shall only apply to any inmate who:

22 1. Is received by the Division of Correction after July 1, 1987;

23 2. Has ~~[18]~~ 12 months or more remaining to be served before a
24 mandatory supervision release date;

25 3. Is not exempted due to a medical, developmental, or learning
26 disability; AND

27 4. Does not possess a [verified] General Education Diploma
28 (G.E.D.) or a VERIFIED high school diploma; and

29 5. Does not attain a minimum educational standard in reading
30 on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)];

31 (iii) Any inmate who is not exempted under subparagraph (ii) ³ of this
32 subsection shall participate in ~~the~~ :

33 1. THE mandatory education program for at least [90] ~~480~~ 120
34 calendar days; [and] OR

35 ~~(IV) AN INMATE WHO HAS NO VERIFIED WORK EXPERIENCE SHALL~~
36 ~~PARTICIPATE IN~~

37 2. A VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM; AND

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1 ~~{(iv)}~~-(V) The Division of Correction shall report to the Parole
2 Commission the academic progress of an inmate in the mandatory education program.

3 (c) On or before June 30 of each year, the Council shall report its activities to the
4 Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General
5 Assembly.

6 (d) (1) The Council shall actively advocate and promote the interests of
7 educational programs and opportunities in correctional institutions. The Council shall
8 seek to ensure that a quality education and equal educational opportunity are available to
9 all inmates at correctional institutions.

10 (2) The Council shall on a regular basis review the program of instruction
11 used in educational programs at correctional institutions to ensure that the unique
12 educational needs of the populations of correctional institutions are being satisfactorily
13 met.

14 (3) The Council shall include in its review:

- 15 (i) Curriculum guides;
- 16 (ii) Courses of study;
- 17 (iii) Resource materials;
- 18 (iv) Textbooks;
- 19 (v) Supplementary readers;
- 20 (vi) Materials of instruction;
- 21 (vii) Visual and auditory aids;
- 22 (viii) Supplies;
- 23 (ix) Teacher performance; and
- 24 (x) Other teaching aids.

25 (4) Based on their review, the Council shall recommend and advocate
26 improvements to the educational programs at correctional institutions.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 June 1, 1996.