

SENATE BILL 533

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By: **Senator Smith**

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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, subject to a certain
7 exception, an individual who satisfies the requirements under this Act may not be
8 required to meet any additional requirements to be certified to teach students in a
9 Montessori school; prohibiting an individual certified under this Act from teaching
10 certain students under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for
11 the application of this Act; and generally relating to teacher certification for teachers
12 at Montessori schools.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Education
15 Section 6–124
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **6–124.**

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, 2020.