

HOUSE BILL 1406

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Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – Adult Education – Adult High**
3 **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the establishment and
5 maintenance of certain schools for adults by county boards of education; requiring
6 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the State
7 Department of Education, by regulation and on or before a certain date, to develop
8 standards for the establishment of adult high schools; providing for the content of
9 certain standards; prohibiting the Department from requiring public funding for
10 approval of the establishment of adult high schools; defining a certain term; and
11 generally relating to adult high schools and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
12 Regulation.

13 BY repealing

14 Article – Labor and Employment

15 Section 11–805

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Labor and Employment

20 Section 11–805

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Labor and Employment**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [11-805.

2 (a) In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Department,
3 each county board of education may establish and maintain day and evening schools for
4 adults.

5 (b) The purpose of these schools for adults is to provide:

6 (1) a general program of continuing education for the improvement of the
7 civic, occupational, and general intelligence of adults; and

8 (2) programs to enable adults to make a wise use of their leisure time.

9 (c) A full-time student, at the student's own expense, may register for adult
10 education courses, if space is available, and if that student secures the written permission
11 of the superintendent of schools, or the superintendent's designee, of the county in which
12 the student registers.]

13 **11-805.**

14 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ADULT EDUCATION" MEANS ACADEMIC**
15 **INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION SERVICES BELOW THE POSTSECONDARY LEVEL FOR**
16 **INDIVIDUALS:**

17 **(1) WHO ARE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD;**

18 **(2) WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED OR REQUIRED TO BE ENROLLED IN HIGH**
19 **SCHOOL UNDER § 7-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND**

20 **(3) WHO:**

21 **(I) ARE BASIC SKILLS DEFICIENT;**

22 **(II) DO NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS**
23 **RECOGNIZED EQUIVALENT AND HAVE NOT ACHIEVED AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF**
24 **EDUCATION; OR**

25 **(III) ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.**

26 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN**
27 **CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, BY REGULATION,**
28 **DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS.**

1 **(C) THE STANDARDS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**
2 **SHALL INCLUDE:**

3 **(1) QUALIFICATIONS FOR A NONPROFIT WORKFORCE TRAINING**
4 **PROVIDER OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROVIDER TO OPERATE AN ADULT HIGH**
5 **SCHOOL;**

6 **(2) A REQUIREMENT TO USE AN ADULT EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND**
7 **CURRICULUM-ALIGNED ASSESSMENTS APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **EDUCATION;**

9 **(3) A REQUIREMENT TO AWARD A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**
10 **OR A DIPLOMA AWARDED BY A NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM FOR**
11 **SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENTS;**
12 **AND**

13 **(4) A REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE**
14 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BEFORE APPROVAL OF AN ADULT HIGH SCHOOL.**

15 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR APPROVAL**
16 **OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2016.