

6-501.

(g) (1) "Public school employer" means the county board in each county, OR A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 9 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) "Public school employer" includes the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

TITLE 9. MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

9-101.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

(B) THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS WITHIN THE EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND CREATIVE EDUCATIONAL APPROACHES TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS.

9-102.

IN THIS TITLE, "PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT:

(1) IS NONSECTARIAN IN ALL ITS PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND OPERATIONS;

(2) IS A SCHOOL TO WHICH PARENTS CHOOSE TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN;

(3) IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS AND ADMITS STUDENTS ON A LOTTERY BASIS IF MORE STUDENTS APPLY THAN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED;

(4) IS A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL;

(5) PROVIDES A PROGRAM OF ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION OR BOTH;

(6) OPERATES IN PURSUIT OF A SPECIFIC SET OF EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES;

(7) IS TUITION-FREE;

(8) IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION;

(9) IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS; ~~AND~~

(10) IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1400 ET SEQ. § 9-107 OF THIS TITLE;